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A SHORT MANUAL

OF

GENERAL DEVOTION.

Compiled by a Priest.

The righteous man will give his heart to resort early to the Lord That made him, and will pray before the Most High, and will open his mouth in prayer, and make supplication for his sins.—*Ecclus.* xxxix. 5.

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of attending daily some public office in the Church. It is ventured to give the following suggestions as to the conduct of family prayers :—

If there be no Oratory in the house, let some devotional picture or representation (*e. g.*, a picture or figure of the Crucifixion, Christ in His Mother's arms, &c.) be placed in a conspicuous part of the room used for the prayers. (Such an object should never be esteemed out of place in *any* room used by Christians for purposes of their daily life.) Before the prayers begin, let all be seated, and let the master of the family read a portion of the Sacred Scriptures, never more than a dozen or twenty verses, lest more be read than can be really remembered (the Gospels, the exhortatory portions of the Epistles, parts of Proverbs, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, are the best adapted for this purpose); then let the Office of Prime (in the morning) or Compline (at night) be said, all kneeling or standing with their faces turned towards the sacred object mentioned: the resemblance between the Offices given, and the Prayer-Book Mattins and Evensong, is sufficiently close to enable those who are well acquainted with the one, to know when to stand, kneel, &c., during the other. If the unvarying use of these Offices is found to be wearisome, (which many, however, do not think to be the case,) the plan might be diversified by having during one week Prime in the morning, and one of the Litanies, according to the day of the week, in the evening; the next week a Litany in the morning, and Compline at night, &c.

It has become so customary among English Catholics to insert the names of "Blessed Mary and All Saints" in the *Confiteor* that it has been thought well to make the insertion in that prayer

in the present work : however, for the convenience of those not accustomed to the addition, the other form has also been given.

Thanks must here be given to those who have kindly allowed Hymns of which they own the copyright to be made use of in this book. Special mention must be made of the Rev. E. Caswall, so many of whose very beautiful and devout compositions and translations enrich these pages, of the Compilers of "The People's Hymnal," and of Messrs. Novello, who have kindly allowed the insertion here of five of Dr. Neale's invaluable translations from "The Hymnal Noted"—viz., "Come Thou Holy Paraclete," p. 4; "O God of truth," p. 8; "Jesu!—The very thought," p. 77; "Now that the daylight," p. 135; "Before the ending," p. 140.

The Compiler would earnestly ask all his brethren and sisters who use this book not to forget his soul in their prayers, that, whether among the living or the dead, he may be found in Christ.

PRAYER is the water of benediction, which, descending on the plants of our good desires, revives their verdure, and makes them flourish, cleanses our souls from their imperfections, and allays in our hearts the thirst of inordinate passions.—*St. Francis of Sales.*

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HYMN OF ST. IGNATIUS.

I LOVE, I love Thee, Lord most high!
Because Thou first hast lovèd me;
I seek no other liberty
But that of being bound to Thee.

May memory no thought suggest
But shall to Thy pure glory tend;
My understanding find no rest
Except in Thee, its only End.

My God, I here protest to Thee,
No other will have I than Thine;
Whatever Thou hast given to me
I here again to Thee resign.

All mine is Thine,—say but the word;
Whate'er Thou willest shall be done:
I know Thy love, all-gracious Lord;
I know it seeks my good alone.

Apart from Thee all things are nought;
Then grant, O my supremest Bliss,
Grant me to love Thee as I ought;
Thou givest all in giving this. Amen.

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III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
IV. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
V. Honour thy father and thy mother.
VI. Thou shalt do no murder.
VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
VIII. Thou shalt not steal.
IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
X. Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbour's.

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1. To keep holy all Sundays and the Holy-days appointed by the Church, especially by being present at the Holy Sacrifice.
2. To abstain from meat on Fridays, and to keep all the Fast-days of the Church.
3. To confess our sins to our Pastor, or some other Priest, each time our conscience is burdened by mortal sin.
4. To receive the Holy Communion at Easter, and twice a year besides. (The two other times besides Easter are generally said to be Chrtstmas and Whitsuntide.)
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3. Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

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5. Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

6. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

7. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

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The Four Cardinal Virtues.

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1. To correct the sinner. 2. To teach the ignorant. 3. To counsel the doubtful. 4. To comfort the sorrowful. 5. To bear wrongs patiently. 6. To forgive all injuries. 7. To pray for the quick and dead.

Sin

Is twofold—Original and Actual.

Actual Sin may be—1. Mortal (*i. e.*, Deadly), or 2. Venial.

The Seven Capital or Deadly Sins.

1. Pride. 2. Covetousness. 3. Lust. 4. Anger. 5. Gluttony. 6. Envy. 7. Sloth.

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Before any public or private Office of Devotion.

O LORD, open Thou my lips to bless Thy Holy Name : cleanse also my heart from all vain, wicked, and wandering thoughts : enlighten mine understanding, enkindle mine affections; that worthily, attentively, and devoutly, I may be able to offer my worship unto Thee, and may be accounted worthy graciously to be heard in the presence of Thy divine Majesty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, in union with that divine intention wherewith Thou didst offer worship to God upon earth, I offer my worship unto Thee. Amen.

After Devotion.

WHATSOEVER in this my worship I have done amiss in thought, word, or deed, through the weakness of the flesh, the perversity of my will, or the malice of the devil, do Thou, O most loving Father, graciously pardon, for the sake of the merits of the Passion and Death of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, and blessed be the Sacred Humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ to endless ages. Amen.

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The English Catholic's VADE MECUM.

Common Forms.

The Lord's Prayer, or Pater Noster.

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelic Salutation, or Ave Maria.

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women; and blessed is the Fruit of Thy Womb, Jesus. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed, or Credo.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the

dead, He ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the Right Hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Doxology, or Gloria Patri.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Confession, or Confiteor.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to Blessed Mary, and to all Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault (*here strike your breast three times*). Wherefore, I beg that Blessed Mary and all Saints may pray to the Lord our God for me.

God Almighty have mercy upon me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant to us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins. Amen.

Another form of the same.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, before all the Company of Heaven, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed; by my fault, by my own fault, by my own grievous fault (*here strike your breast three times*). Wherefore, I beseech the Lord our God to pity me, and that

all the Company of Heaven may pray to the Lord our God for me.

God Almighty have mercy, &c., *as above.*
The Almighty and merciful Lord, &c., *as above.*

The Prayer "Anima Christi."

SOUL of Christ, hallow me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy Wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malicious enemy protect me.
In the hour of my death call me.
And bid me come to Thee.
That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS TO THE HOLY GHOST.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
The hearts which Thou hast made, inspire
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thy name is called the Paraclete,
Of God most high the Gift so sweet,
The Living Fountain, Fire and Love,
And ghostly Unction from above.

Thou dost Thy sevenfold Gifts impart,
The Finger of God's Hand Thou art,
Thou art the Father's Promise true,
Who dost our lips with speech endue.

Thy Light to every sense impart,
And shed Thy love in every heart;
The weakness of our mortal flesh
With never-failing strength refresh.

Keep far away our ghostly Foe,
At home Thy holy peace bestow;
With Thee before us as our Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.

The Father and the Son may we
Be truly taught to know, through Thee,
And so shall we, for evermore,
Thee, Spirit of Them Both, adore.

Praise to the Father, and the Son,
Praise to the Paraclete be done,
And may the Son upon us send
The Spirit's Gifts, world without end. Amen.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

COME Thou Holy Paraclete,
And from Thy celestial seat
Send Thy light and brilliancy:
Father of the poor, draw near,
Giver of all gifts, be here:
Come, the Soul's true radiancy!

Come, of Comforters the best,
Of the soul the sweetest Guest,
Come in toil refreshingly:
Thou in labour rest most sweet,
Thou art shadow from the heat,
Comfort in adversity.

O Thou Light most pure and blest,
Shine within the inmost breast
Of Thy faithful company.

Where Thou art not man hath nought;
Every holy deed and thought
Comes from Thy Divinity.

What is soilèd, make Thou pure;
What is wounded, work its cure;
What is parchèd, fructify:
What is rigid, gently bend;
What is frozen, warmly tend;
Strengthen what goes erringly.

Fill Thy faithful, who confide
In Thy power to guard and guide,
With Thy sevenfold Mystery;
Here Thy grace and virtue send;
Grant salvation in the end,
And in Heaven felicity. Amen.

Morning Prayers.

IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever, and world without end. Amen.

Act of Adoration.—I worship Thee, O most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Three Persons, One Only God, and trusting in Thy mercy I cast myself down in Thy Presence and abase myself before Thee.

Act of Faith.—I most firmly believe all that Thou hast revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures, and which Thou by Thy Church hast set before us to be believed. For Thou art the one and everlasting Truth. Lord, increase my faith.

Act of Hope.—All my hope is in Thee; every good thing which I desire for this life or the next,

for body or for soul, I look for from Thine hand alone, my God, my life, my only hope. Increase, O Lord, my hope and my trust in the merits of my only Saviour Jesus Christ.

Act of Charity.—I love Thee, O infinite Goodness, for Thine own sake, with every power of my soul. I love Thee, my God, above all things, and my neighbour for Thy sake. O Lord, increase my charity.

Act of Contrition.—O my God, Thou art worthy of unfailing love and service, because Thou art what Thou art: therefore do I grieve from mine inmost soul for all my sins, and abhor them above all other evils, because I love Thee, my God, above all things, and because my sins so highly offend Thee: I earnestly entreat Thy pardon, and firmly resolve to offend Thee no more.

Act of Thanksgiving.—I give thanks unto Thee for Thy great glory; for all the gifts bestowed upon the whole mystical Body of Christ, especially upon the glorious Virgin Mary and all Saints; and for all the gifts given to all Thy creatures, and especially for those bestowed upon me, the most unworthy of all.

Act of Resolution.—I most firmly resolve to order, this day, all the powers of my soul and body, all my thoughts, words, and deeds, according to Thy will, and to Thy honour and glory.

I am ready to receive at Thine hand all troubles and adversities which Thou shalt for my good send me; I desire to be the means whereby all Thy creatures may serve Thee.

I resolve to consent to nothing that in any way may be to Thy dishonour or displeasing to Thy Divine Majesty.

Act of Oblation.—I offer unto Thy Divine Majesty, in union with the merits of the Life, Passion, and Death of my only Saviour Jesus Christ, all my whole being, my thoughts, words, and deeds, both this day and for ever, that they may be washed and hallowed by the most precious Blood of my Redeemer.

I offer myself unto Thee, in union with the prayers, intercessions, and good works of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all Saints in Heaven, and of all Thy faithful here upon earth.

Act of Commendation.—To Thee, O Lord, I commend this day all my actions, especially —— and ——, and all that I shall do, say, or think,

Act of Petition.—Preserve me this day, O Lord, from sin, especially from —— and ——; keep me from bodily harm, prosper the work of my hands, the words of my tongue, the thoughts and desires of my heart, guide me in doubt, deliver me in danger.

Act of Intercession.—Have mercy upon Thy whole Catholic Church, upon the faithful, upon all pastors, especially N. our parish priest; and upon all prelates, especially N. our Bishop; Bless my (parents and) all for whom I am bound to pray, especially (brethren ——, children ——, kinsfolk ——, Spiritual pastors ——, benefactors ——, friends ——, &c. &c. &c.) And to all the dead in Christ (especially ——) do Thou grant eternal rest and peace.

Act of Union with God.—Into Thy Wounds, O Jesus, do I cast myself; there hide me, there keep me now, that I may love Thee evermore. My God, let me not be separated from Thee for ever.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe. Glory be.

Prayers at Meditation.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O my God, Thou art here, Thou seest me, Thou knowest me, my thoughts are not hid from Thee.

Veni Creator Spiritus, page 3,
or
Veni Sancte Spiritus, page 4.

(Here follows the Meditation.)

After Meditation.

The Prayer "Suscipe Domine."

TAKE, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my whole will. All that I am, all that I have, Thou hast given me, and I give it back again to Thee, to be disposed of according to Thy good pleasure. Give me only Thy love and Thy grace; with these I am rich enough.

Then, "*Anima Christi*," page 3.

Mid-Day Prayers.

Rector potens, verax Deus.

O GOD of truth, O Lord of might,
Who ord'rest time and change aright,
And send'st the early morning ray,
And light'st the glow of perfect day:

Extinguish Thou each sinful fire,
And banish every ill desire;
And while Thou keep'st the body whole,
Shed forth Thy peace upon the soul.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine Only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

Examen.

Am I watching against sin?

Have I fallen into my besetting sin? How often?

Have I fallen into any mortal sin?

Prayer.

O MY God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee with all my heart. I detest all my sins for love of Thee, and resolve to sin no more. I offer unto Thee all that I have and all that I am. Blessed be Thy name for evermore.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought into the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Evening Prayers.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn—Veni Creator, p. 3,
or
Veni Sancte Spiritus, p. 4.

Examen.

What blessings have I received this day—life—health—innocent pleasures—food—raiment—shelter—special?

Act of Thanksgiving.—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: all that is within me rejoices in Thee, O God, and gives thanks unto Thee for Thy goodness unto me, especially this day.

Examen.

What sins have I fallen into this day? Have I been proud—impure—slothful—frivolous—angry beyond measure—in thought—in word—or in deed? Am I now indulging in affection for any sin? What duties have I left undone? What practices of piety have I neglected?

Confiteor.

I confess to Almighty God, &c., p. 2.

Act of Contrition.—Wherefore should I have offended Thee, and wherefore should I have so gone astray from Thee by sin, O my God, my Life, and my All? Forgive, O Father, Thy child, who now returns unto Thee penitent, asking for pardon, and resolving to sin no more, for the sake of the merits of the death and passion of my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Act of Commendation.—I commend to Thee, O sweet Jesus Crucified, my body and soul this night and for ever. Let my sleep be sound and refreshing, if it be Thy Holy Will. I commend to Thy most sure keeping all for whom I ought to pray, whether living or dead. Amen.

May the Holy Angel of God defend me and all who sleep in this house from sin and evil. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe. Glory be.

Last Prayers.

BY Thy Holy Cross, ✠ deliver us from all our enemies, O Good Jesus; and from sudden and unprepared death deliver us, O Lord.

Let the intercession of St. Mary and all Thy Saints assist us to obtain help and salvation from Thee, O Lord.

Lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

God have mercy upon all Christian souls.

Graces.

Before Meat.

✠ THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord; and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest Thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Glory be, &c.

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, of which, by Thy bounty, we are going to partake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

After Meat.

✠O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen : praise him, all ye nations.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be, &c.

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for all Thy benefits ; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Acts of Faith, Hope, Charity, and Contrition.

Prayer before the Acts.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, give unto us the increase of Faith, Hope, and Charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Faith.

I MOST firmly believe, O my God, whatever Thy Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches, because Thou, Who art the unfailing Truth, hast revealed it to Her. I believe that there is One God in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I believe that the Second Person, God the Son, became Man, suffered and died on the Cross for the redemption of the whole world ; that He arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and at the end of the world shall come to judge all mankind according to their

works, rewarding the good with eternal life, and punishing the wicked with eternal fire. In this faith I hope and resolve, O my God, by Thy grace to live; and in it, and if need be for it, to die.

Act of Hope.

O MY God, relying on Thine almighty power, and Thine infinite mercy and goodness, and because Thou art faithful to Thy promises, I trust in Thee that Thou wilt grant me forgiveness of my sins, through the merits of Jesus Christ Thy Son; and that Thou wilt give me the assistance of Thy grace, with which I may labour to continue to the end in the diligent exercise of all good works, and may be deemed worthy to obtain the glory which Thou hast promised in heaven.

Act of Charity.

O LORD my God, I love Thee with my whole heart, and above all things, because Thou, O God, art the sovereign good, and for Thine own infinite perfections art most worthy of all love; and for Thy sake I also love my neighbour as myself.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God, for the sake of Thy sovereign goodness and infinite perfection, which I love above all things, I am exceedingly sorry from the bottom of my heart, and am grieved for having offended, by my sins, this Thine infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the assistance of Thy grace, never more to offend Thee for the time to come, and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

THE END OF OUR BEING.

OFT, my soul, thyself remind
Of the end thy God designed,
When He sent thee here on earth,
Heir of an immortal birth.

Ah, what else did He desire,
Save in graces to attire,
Then to crown with glory bright,
Thee the child of His delight?

Learn, O spirit, learn to know
This thy single end below;
Learn by this alone to weigh
All the passing world's display.

Whatsoe'er this end obscures;
Whatsoe'er from it allures;
What impedes it, or belies,—
Sever from thee, timely wise.

Every moment, day and night,
Keep it clearly in thy sight;
If thou hope, o'ercoming sin,
Joys of endless life to win. Amen.

TWO METHODS OF ASSISTING AT THE SUPPER OF THE LORD AND HOLY COMMUNION, COMMONLY CALLED

The Mass.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Direction of the Intention.

O HOLY Trinity, One God, I, a most unworthy sinner, appear before Thee to offer unto Thee, by the hands of Thy Priest, the

Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus [and to receive the Holy Sacrament of the same Body and Blood], in union with the Sacrifice offered by the same our Lord at the Last Supper and upon the Altar of the Cross. I desire to offer [and to receive] It with all the love and contrition whereof I am capable, in conformity with those sacred intentions wherewith our Saviour instituted and our Holy Mother the Church ever offers It. I desire, then, to offer [and to receive] It—

1. To the glory of Thy Holy Name.
2. In acknowledgment of Thy dominion over me and over all Thy creatures.
3. In memory of the Passion of our Saviour Christ.
4. In thanksgiving for all the benefits ever bestowed upon Thy creatures.
5. For the remission of the sins of all Christians, living or dead.
6. For —— and —— [*here name special intentions*].

Accept this my Sacrifice [and Communion], perform my desires, according to Thine own will. Amen.

FIRST METHOD.—FOR HEARERS.

When the Priest prays before the Altar.

Antiphon.—I will go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Psalm xliii., *Judica me, Deus.*

Antiphon.—I will go, &c.

I confess to Almighty God, p. 2.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to take away from us all our iniquities, that we may be worthy, with

pure minds, to enter into Thy most holy place. Through Christ our Lord.

At the Offertory.

O HOLY Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, receive this pure Sacrifice, which I, Thine unworthy servant, offer unto Thee, my God, the living and the true, by the hands of Thy Priest, for my numberless sins, offences, and negligences, for all here present, and for all faithful Christians, living and dead, that to me and to them it may profit unto health and to eternal life. Amen.

We offer unto Thee, O Lord, the Cup of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thy mercy that it may go up as a sweet-smelling savour for our health and that of the whole world. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, be this new Sacrifice acceptable to Almighty God.

In an humble spirit, and in a contrite heart, let us be accepted, O Lord, by Thee; and so let our Sacrifice be in Thy Sight, that it may be accepted by Thee, this day, and that it may be pleasing unto Thee, O Lord, my God.

For the Celebrant.—The Grace of the Holy Ghost enlighten thine heart and thy lips, and the Lord worthily accept this Sacrifice of Praise at Thy hands for our sins and offences.

O Holy Trinity, accept this Oblation which I offer unto Thee in memory of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant that it may go up well pleasing in Thy sight, and that it may work everlasting salvation for me, and for all Thy faithful servants. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before the Consecration.

MOST Merciful Father, we most humbly pray and beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, to accept and to bless these Gifts, these Offerings, these holy unspotted Sacrifices, which we offer unto Thee, firstly, for Thy Holy Catholic Church (which may it please Thee to preserve in peace, to keep, to knit in one, and to govern throughout all the world), and together with it for Thy servant our Bishop, our Queen, for all the orthodox, and for all professors of the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

Be mindful, O Lord, of Thy servants and handmaidens N. and N., and of all here present, whose faith Thou knowest, whose devotion Thou beholdest, for whom we do offer, or who do themselves offer unto Thee this Sacrifice of Praise for themselves, for all their kinsfolk, for the redemption of their souls, for hope of health and safety, and do pay their vows unto Thee, the Eternal God, the Living and the True.

Joining in Communion, and reverencing the memory, firstly, of the Glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord Jesus Christ; and also of Thy blessed Apostles and Martyrs, and of all Thy Saints, by whose good deeds and prayers do Thou grant that in all things we may be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We therefore beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this, the Oblation of our own service, and of the service of all Thy whole family, and do Thou order our days in Thy peace, deliver us from eternal damnation, and suffer us to be

numbered in the flock of Thine elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At the Consecration of the Bread.

HAIL Saving Victim! Incarnate Word! Son of the Virgin! Hail precious Body of the Son of God! Hail Sacred Flesh, once torn with nails, pierced with a lance, and bleeding on the Cross! Lord, Who hast given Thyself to us, grant us to give ourselves wholly to Thee. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief!

At the Consecration of the Chalice.

HAIL Precious Blood, Fruit of the True Vine, Chalice of Salvation! O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

O Saving Victim! slain to bless,
Who op'st the Heavenly Gate to all,
The attacks of many a foe oppress;
Give strength in strife, and help in fall.

To God, the Three in One, ascend
All thanks and praise for evermore;
He grant the life that shall not end
Upon the Heavenly Country's shore. Amen.

After the Consecration.

O LORD, we Thy servants, Thy holy people, having in remembrance the ever-blessed Passion, as also the Resurrection from the grave, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of the same Christ, Thy Son, our Lord God, do offer unto Thy glorious Majesty of these Thine Own

Gifts bestowed upon us, a pure Offering, a holy Offering, a spotless Offering, even the Holy Bread of eternal life, and the Cup of everlasting salvation.

Upon which may it please Thee to look with favourable and gracious Countenance, and to accept them, even as it pleased Thee to accept the gifts of Thy righteous servant Abel, the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that holy sacrifice, that spotless offering, which Thy High Priest Melchisedech offered unto Thee.

We humbly beseech Thee, Almighty God, to command these things to be carried by the hands of Thy Holy Angel to Thine Altar on high, before the sight of Thy Divine Majesty, that whosoever, by partaking at this Altar, shall receive the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son, may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be mindful, O Lord, of the souls of Thy servant N. and N., who are gone hence before us with the sign of faith, and do now rest in the sleep of peace. We beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto them, and unto all who rest in Christ, a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May it please Thee to grant also unto us, Thy sinful servants, who put our trust in the multitude of Thy mercies, some part and fellowship with all Thy Saints, into whose company, we beseech Thee, to admit us, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord, by Whom, O Lord, Thou dost ever create all these good things, and dost hallow, quicken, bless, and bestow them upon us, by Him, and with

Him, and in Him, unto Thee, O God the Father Almighty, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory are given, world without end. Amen.

At the Priest's Communion.

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

Act of Spiritual Communion.

O MOST loving Saviour, since I cannot have the blessedness of receiving Thee this day, suffer me to gather up the precious crumbs that fall from Thy table, and to unite myself to Thy Sacred Heart by faith, hope, and charity. I confess that I do not deserve the children's bread; but I humbly protest before Thee that my soul hungers and is athirst for Thee, my God and Saviour. Come, then, into me, O my Divine Saviour; come into my mind, enlighten it with Thy brightness; come into my heart, enkindle it with the fire of Thy love, and unite it so closely with Thine own that it may be no more I that live, but Thou that livest and reignest in me for ever. Amen.

Offering of Special Intention.

O ALMIGHTY Father, look upon the Face of Thy Christ, and for the sake of His meritorious Sacrifice and Death, which we do here show forth before Thee, grant me, according unto

Thine own will ——. Lord, perform all my petition. Not my will, but Thine be done.

The Litanies, pp. 56 to 76; *The "Aspirations,"* p. 50; "*Devotions for the Sacred Seasons,*" pp. 103 to 114; &c. &c.

After the Benediction.

LET the worship of this my service be pleasing unto Thee, O Holy Trinity, and grant that this Sacrifice which I, unworthy, have offered before the eyes of Thy Majesty, may be acceptable unto Thee, and may obtain favour, through Thy loving-kindness, for myself and for all for whom I have offered it. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

SECOND METHOD.—FOR COMMUNICANTS.

Table of Psalms before Communion, p. 56.

When the Priest prays before the Altar.

WHO can worthily draw nigh unto this adorable Sacrifice, unless Thou, O Lord God Almighty, make him worthy? I know, O Lord; yea, surely do I know, and this do I confess to Thy loving mercy, that I am not worthy to draw near to so high a Mystery, by reason of my many sins, and my numberless negligences. But I know, and truly do I believe with my whole heart, and confess with my lips, that Thou canst make me worthy, Who alone canst make that clean which cometh out of what is unclean, and sinners to be righteous and holy. By this, Thine Almighty power, I pray Thee, grant to me, a sinner, to approach this Holy Sacrifice with fear and

trembling, with purity of heart and streams of tears, with spiritual gladness and heavenly joy. May my mind feel the sweetness of Thy most blessed Presence, and the guardianship of Thy Holy Angels, round about me.

I confess to Almighty God, &c., p. 2.

At the Offertory.

RECEIVE, O eternal Father, this Offering, which is here made to Thee by Thy Priest in the name of us all here present, and of Thy whole Church. It is as yet only bread and wine, but, by a miracle of Thy power and grace, will shortly become the Body and Blood of Thy beloved Son. He is our High Priest, and He is our Victim. With Him and through Him we desire to draw nigh unto Thee this day, and by His hands to offer Thee this Sacrifice, for Thine own honour, in thanksgiving for all Thy benefits, in satisfaction for all our sins, to obtain ——, and mercy for all Thy faithful. With this Offering of Thine only-begotten Son we offer ourselves unto Thee, beseeching that by virtue of this Sacrifice we may be united unto Thee, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate us from Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most Holy Trinity, vouchsafe to receive this our Sacrifice, in memory of our Saviour's Death and Passion. Grant that we may die with Him to our sins. Let those Saints, whose memory we celebrate upon earth, remember us before Thy Throne in Heaven, and obtain mercy for us.

Come, Holy Ghost, sanctify this bread and wine, that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ; sanctify also our souls and bodies, that,

like the Ever-Virgin Mary, we may become worthy dwelling-places for Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before the Consecration.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, mindful of Thy venerable Passion, I draw near to thine Altar, to offer unto Thee that Sacrifice which Thou hast instituted, and commanded to be offered in remembrance of Thee, for our well-being. Receive It, I humbly beseech Thee, O God Most High, for Thy Holy Church, and for Thy people, whom Thou hast purchased with Thy most precious Blood. Be favourable, I pray Thee, unto all those for whom Thou hast vouchsafed to be a Saving Victim and Redemption. I bring before Thee, Lord, if Thou wilt graciously vouchsafe to behold, the tribulations of Thy people, the groans of prisoners, the miseries of orphans, the necessities of strangers, the helplessness of the weak, the depressions of the languishing, the infirmities of the aged, the aspirations of young men, the vows of virgins, and the sorrows of widows.

At the Consecration.

BLESSED is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Hail to all eternity, Thou most Holy Flesh of Christ, my chiefest Sweetness before all things, and beyond all things. The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be to me, a sinner, the Way and the Life.

Hail to all eternity, Thou heavenly Drink, my chiefest Sweetness before all things. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ profit me, a sinner, for everlasting healing unto eternal life. Amen.

Hail, True Body ! born of Mary,
  Spotless Virgin's virgin birth ;
Thou Who truly hangedst weary
  On the Cross for sons of earth ;
Thou Whose Sacred Side was riven,
  Whence the Water flowed and Blood ;
O mayst Thou, dear Lord, be given
  At death's hour to be our Food.
O most kind ! O gracious One !
O sweetest Jesu, Holy Mary's Son ! Amen.

After the Consecration.

O GREAT High Priest, the true Priest, Jesus Christ, Who didst offer Thyself to God the Father, a pure and spotless Victim, upon the Altar of the Cross, for us miserable sinners; and didst give us Thy Flesh to eat, and Thy Blood to drink; and didst ordain that holy Mystery in the power of Thy Holy Ghost, saying, This do in remembrance of Me : I pray Thee, by the same Thy Blood, the great price of our salvation ; I pray Thee by that wonderful and unspeakable love wherewith Thou deignest so to love us, miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in Thy Blood ; teach me, Thine unworthy servant, by Thy Holy Ghost, to approach so great a Mystery with such reverence and honour, with such devotion and fear, as I ought, and as is fitting. Make me, through Thy grace, always so to believe and understand, to conceive and firmly to hold, to think and to speak of that exceeding Mystery as may please Thee, and shall be good for my soul.

Let Thy good Spirit enter my heart, and there heard without utterance ; and without the sound

of words, speak all truth: since Thy mysteries are exceeding deep, and covered with a sacred veil.

For Thy great mercy's sake, grant me to approach Thy Holy Mysteries with a clean heart and a pure mind. Free my heart from all defiling and unholy, from all vain and hurtful thoughts. Fence me about with the holy and faithful guard and mighty protection of Thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of good may go away ashamed.

By the virtue of this mighty Mystery, and by the hand of Thy holy Angel, drive away from me, and from all Thy faithful servants, the hard spirit of pride and vain-glory, envy and blasphemy, impurity and uncleanness, doubting and mistrust. Let them be confounded that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them perish that seek my hurt.

Before Communion.

O LAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of world, grant us Thy peace.

O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, Who, led by mercy, didst will that Thine Only-Begotten shouldest come down to this lower world, and shouldest take flesh, which Flesh, I, although unworthy, am about to receive, I worship Thee, I glorify Thee, and with the whole desire of my mind and heart I praise Thee and beseech Thee not to leave us, Thy servants, but forgive us our sins, so that we may be worthy to serve Thee, the only living and

true God, with pure heart and chaste body. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who, according to the will of the Father, and by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast quickened the world by Thy Death, deliver me, I beseech Thee, by this Thy most holy Body and by this Blood, from all mine iniquities and from every evil ; make me ever to obey Thy commandments, and never let me be separated from Thee for ever, O Saviour of the world, Who livest and reignest with God the Father, and with the same Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Let not the Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, O Lord Jesu Christ, which I, although unworthy, do now receive, be unto me for judgment and condemnation ; but through Thy loving-kindness let it set forward the salvation of my body and soul. Amen.

While kneeling at the Altar.

LORD, I desire to receive this Holy Communion to Thy honour and glory, and to obtain (*here name the special intention*).

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

Come, good Jesus ; come, Thou Desire of my soul ; come into my heart with that love wherewith Thou didst enter into the Virgin's womb.

After Communion.

O GOOD Jesus, O Jesus my only Salvation and my Consolation, whence is this to me that Thou shouldest come unto me, and not abhor

to enter into my most polluted heart, defiled as it is with such exceeding stains and sins? Blessed be Thy coming unto me, and blessed be the sweetness of the love which hath constrained Thee to visit me, Thy poor and worthless creature. I cast myself now in the very dust before Thy face; with the most profound humility and due reverence I worship Thee, and most humbly beseech Thee that Thou wouldest forgive me for having received Thee, my Lord, with so great negligence, distraction, and lack of devotion. Pardon me, O most tender Jesus, and by Thy life-giving Death blot out all mine iniquities, supply my defects, satisfy for my negligences; wherefore, I beseech Thee, to accept this my Communion, and to offer it to Thy Father, with all the merit of Thy Oblation on the Cross. And now, O good Jesus, I offer and make over unto Thee my most unworthy heart, beseeching Thee to cleanse it in the Water, and to revive and refresh it with the Blood, which, on the Cross, flowed forth from Thine own most Sacred Heart. Amen.

Soul of Christ, hallow me, p. 3.
The Prayer "*Suscipe*," p. 8.
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After the Benediction.

O MOST sweet Lord Jesus, pierce through the inmost parts of my soul with the most sweet and healthful wound of Thy love, with true, calm, apostolic, and holiest charity; so that my soul may pine and long evermore with love and desire of Thee alone; let it have a longing and a desire for Thee in Thy courts; let it wish to depart that it may be with Thee. Let my soul

ever hunger for Thee, the Bread of Angels, the Refreshment of holy souls, our daily Bread, supersubstantial, having all sweetness and good savour, and every pleasant delight; Thee, upon whom Angels desire to look, let my heart ever hunger for and feed upon, and let the inmost parts of my soul be filled with the sweetness of the taste of Thee; Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of everlasting light, the river of pleasure, the fulness of God's house, let my soul ever thirst for; Thee let it covet, seek Thee, find Thee, reach after Thee, come unto Thee, think of Thee, speak of Thee, and do all to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and wisdom, with love and pleasure, with ease and delight, with perseverance even unto the end; and be Thou ever and alone my hope, all my trust, my riches, my delight, my joy, my gladness, my rest and quietness, my peace, my good savour, my fragrance, my sweetness, my food, my refreshment, my refuge, my aid, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, my treasure, whereon my mind and heart may be surely and immutably grounded for evermore. Amen.

THE PURE OFFERING.

Hoste dum victo triumphans.

WHEN the Patriarch was returning
Crown'd with triumph from the fray,
Him the peaceful King of Salem
Came to meet upon his way,
Meekly bearing Bread and Wine,
Holy Priesthood's awful sign.

On the truth thus dimly shadowed
Later days a lustre shed;

When the great High Priest eternal,
  Under forms of Wine and Bread,
For the world's immortal food,
Gave His Flesh and gave His Blood.

Wondrous gift !—The Word who moulded
  All things by His might divine,
Bread into His Body changes,
  Into His own Blood the Wine :—
What though sense no change perceives,
Faith admires, adores, believes !

He who once to die a Victim
  On the Cross did not refuse,
Day by day, upon our altars,
  That same Sacrifice renews,
Through His holy Priesthood's hands,
Faithful to His last commands !

While the people, all uniting
  In the Sacrifice sublime,
Offer Christ to His high Father,
  Offer up themselves with Him ;
Then together with the Priest
On the living Victim feast ! Amen.

Devotions for Confession.

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Before Examination of Conscience.

O LORD GOD, Who lightenest every man that cometh into the world, lighten, I pray Thee, my heart with the bright light of Thy heavenly grace, that I may have a clear knowledge of all my failings and all my sins, and may

how miserably I have sinned against Thee, I have no sorrow as I should have. A broken and contrite heart Thou, O Lord, wilt not despise, and Thou alone canst give it me. Thou alone canst give me repentance, and accept the penitent; do both, most gracious Father, that I may be once more acquitted from the guilt of all my sins, and received into the number of Thy servants, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Before Confession.

RECEIVE, O Lord, a contrite and humble sinner. Receive a sheep which was lost and hath returned to the Shepherd. Receive an unworthy son, who hath sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and is returned to his Father.

Give me the kiss of peace; clothe me with the best robe; restore to me the joy of Thy salvation. Breathe into my nostrils the breath of life, and renew me with Thy life-giving Spirit. Heal my wounds, pouring in the oil of gladness. Raise me up, for I am cast down to the dust, that I may breathe in the light of Thy loving-kindness.

Build up thy temple. Restore Thy house. Purify Thy sanctuary. Renew in me Thy likeness, that the brightness of Thy Countenance may return upon it. Let Thy Holy Spirit come down upon it, and sanctify it, that going away again justified, I may be with the living who praise Thee, O Lord my God, and may praise Thee, and make my boast of Thy mercies for ever and ever. Amen.

After Confession and Absolution.

I GIVE Thee thanks, most merciful Lord Jesus, because Thou hast patiently waited till I,

a most wretched and unworthy sinner, should return to penitence, that Thou mightest give me pardon and forgiveness of all my sins. Receive, I beseech Thee, this confession, which I have tried to make with humility. Whatever has been wanting in the full and sincere confession of my sins, or in fitting sorrow for them, do Thou out of the fountain of Thy pity, and the treasury of Thy Passion, mercifully supply, and vouchsafe to have me perfectly absolved in heaven. Grant me, Lord, the help of Thy grace, that henceforth I may avoid sin, and more faithfully serve Thee. I have sworn and am steadfastly purposed to keep Thy righteous judgments, by Thy help, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, One God, world without end. Amen.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, praise His holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities.

Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us after our iniquities.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath He set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children:

even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

Truly Thou, O Lord, art a God that showest mercy. Amen.

After Confession, if Absolution is deferred.

O LORD and God, how dreadful is this, that I am not fitly prepared for the pardon of my sins! It is too true I am not rightly penitent. Do Thou give me that spirit of true repentance, and take away all from my heart that separates me from Thee. How long shall I be without Thee? Let tears be my meat day and night, whilst Thou art absent from me. Assist me, by Thy grace, to a true sorrow for my sins, and a sincere resolution of amendment. O my God, have mercy on me, succour me with Thy grace, or I am lost. I have wearied Thee, yet turn again once more after Thy servant, and let me live. Create in me a new heart, and give me grace to renounce all sin and obtain from Thee the full pardon of my offences. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD.

HAIL, Jesus! hail! Who for my sake,
Sweet Blood from Mary's veins didst take,
And shed it all for me;
O blessed be my Saviour's Blood!
My life! my light! my only good!
To all eternity.

To endless ages let us praise
The Precious Blood, whose price could raise
The world from wrath and sin;

Whose streams our inward thirst appease,
And heal the sinner's worst disease,
  If he but bathe therein.

O sweetest Blood that can implore
Pardon of God, and heaven restore,
  The heaven which sin had lost:
While Abel's blood for vengeance pleads,
What Jesus shed still intercedes
  For those who wrong Him most.

Oh! to be sprinkled from the wells
Of Christ's own sacred Blood excels
  Earth's best and highest bliss;
The ministers of wrath divine
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine
  With those red drops of His.

Ah! there is joy amid the Saints,
And hell's despairing courage faints
  When this sweet song we raise:
O louder then, and louder still,
Earth with one mighty chorus fill
  The Precious Blood to praise. Amen.

Preparation for Holy Communion.

Table of Psalms and Canticles, p. 56.

1. *Direction of the Intention.*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come unto Thee and to receive Thy Body and Blood in this Heavenly Sacrament, to Thy honour and glory, and for the good of my soul; I desire to receive Thee because it is Thy desire,

and Thou hast so ordained; I desire to come to Thee that I may be happily united to Thee, that I may henceforth abide in Thee, and Thou in me, and that nothing in life or death may ever separate me from Thee.

2. *Commemoration of Christ's Passion.*

I DESIRE in these holy Mysteries to commemorate, as Thou hast commanded, all Thy sufferings, Thine agony and bloody sweat; Thy being betrayed and apprehended; all the reproaches and false accusations, all the blows and buffets which Thou hast endured for me; Thy being scourged, crowned with thorns, and loaded with a heavy cross for my sins and those of the whole world; Thy crucifixion and death, together with Thy glorious resurrection and triumphant ascension. I worship Thee, and give Thee thanks for all that Thou hast done and suffered for us, and for giving us, in this Blessed Sacrament, a pledge of our redemption, the Victim of our ransom, the Body and Blood which were offered for us.

3. *Act of Faith.*

I MOST firmly believe that in this Holy Sacrament Thou art present verily and indeed; that here are Thy Body and Blood, Thy Soul and Thy Godhead. I believe that Thou, my Saviour, true God and true Man, art really here, with all Thy treasures; that here Thou communicatest Thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruit of Thy passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe that there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive Thee worthily, nor a greater misery than to receive Thee unworthily.

All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what Thou hast taught us by Thy Word and by Thy Church.

4. *Act of Humility.*

BUT, O my God, how shall I dare to approach unto Thee—so wretched a worm to so infinite a Majesty—so unclean a sinner to such infinite purity and holiness? My soul is wholly covered with leprosy, and how shall I presume to embrace Thee? I tremble at the sentence of Thine Apostle, that he that receiveth unworthily receiveth his own damnation; for I cannot but acknowledge myself infinitely unworthy; nor should I dare ever to come to Thee, were I not called by Thy most loving invitation, and encouraged by Thine infinite goodness and mercy. In this mercy, which is above all Thy works, I put my whole trust; and in this confidence alone I presume to draw nigh unto Thee.

5. *Act of Contrition.*

O LORD, I detest, with my whole heart, all the sins by which I have ever offended Thy divine Majesty, from the first moment that I was capable of sinning to this very hour. I desire to lay them all at Thy feet, to be cancelled by Thy precious Blood. All my sins displease me now exceedingly, because they have offended Thine infinite goodness. By Thy grace I will never commit them any more; I am sorry for them, and I will be sorry for them as long as I live, and, according to the best of my power, will do penance for them. Forgive me, dear Lord, for Thy mercy's sake; pardon me all that is past; and be

Thou my keeper for the time to come, that I may never more offend Thee.

6. *Act of Divine Love.*

O MY Jesus, the God of my heart and the life of my soul, as the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so doth my soul pant after Thee, the fountain of life and the ocean of all good. I am overjoyed at the hearing of these happy tidings, that I may go into the house of the Lord; or rather that the Lord is to come into my house, and take up His abode with me. O happy moments, when I shall be admitted to embrace the living God, for whom my poor soul languisheth with love. Come, dear Jesus, and take full possession of my heart for ever! I offer it to Thee without reserve. I desire to consecrate it eternally to Thee. I love Thee with my whole soul and above all things; at least, I desire so to love Thee. It is nothing less than infinite love that bringeth Thee to me, teach me to make a suitable return of love.

7. *Prayer for Grace.*

BUT, O my God, Thou knowest my great poverty and misery, and that of myself I can do nothing; Thou knowest how unworthy I am of this infinite favour, and Thou alone canst make me worthy. Since Thou art so good as to call me thus to Thyself, add this one bounty more to all the rest, to prepare me for Thyself. Cleanse my soul from its stains, clothe it with the wedding garment of charity, adorn it with all virtues, and make it a fit abode for Thee. Drive sin and the devil far from this dwelling, which Thou art here

pleased to choose for Thyself, and make me one according to Thine own Heart; that this heavenly visit which Thou designest for my salvation may not, by my unworthiness, be perverted to my damnation. Never let me be guilty of Thy Body and Blood by an unworthy communion; for the sake of this same precious Blood, which Thou hast shed for me, deliver me from so great an evil: rather let me die a thousand deaths than thus dare to crucify Thee again.

8. *Petition for the Prayers of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.*

O MY Jesus, grant that all Thy blessed Angels and Saints, and, above all, Thy glorious Mother, the ever-virgin Mary, who, face to face, behold Thee, Whom I here receive beneath the sacramental veils, may bestow upon me the assistance of their prayers and intercessions, that I may in such manner receive Thee here, in this place of exile, that I may hereafter, with them, enjoy Thine unveiled fulness in our true native country, world without end. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, behold I draw near to the Sacrament of Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; I come like a sick man to the Physician of life; unclean, to the fountain of mercy; blind, to the light of eternal brightness; poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. I pray Thee, therefore, that, out of the greatness of Thy boundless fulness, Thou wouldest vouchsafe to cure my sickness, to wash my filthiness, to give light to my blindness,

to make rich my poverty, to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, with such contrition and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention, as may forward the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray Thee, that I may receive, not only the Sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, but also the substance and power of the Sacrament. O most gracious God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be worthy to be made one with His mystical Body and reckoned among His members. O most loving Father! grant that I may at length behold with open face Thy beloved Son, Whom I purpose now to receive veiled in my pilgrimage, Who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

From the Prayer of St. Ambrose.

O KING of virgins, Lover of purity and chastity, extinguish in my body, by the heavenly dew of Thy blessing, whatever may kindle evil desire; that so one even purity of mind and body may abide in me. Mortify in my members every sting of the flesh and every wanton emotion; and give me, with Thy other gifts, which please Thee, in truth, true and persevering chastity; that I may, with chaste body and pure heart, offer unto Thee the Sacrifice of praise. For with what contrition of heart and fountain of tears, with what reverence and awe, with what purity of mind and body, should that divine and

heavenly Sacrifice be celebrated, wherein Thy Flesh is indeed taken, and Thy Blood is indeed drunk; wherein things lowest and highest, earthly and divine, are united; where is the presence of Thy holy Angels; and where Thou art, in a wonderful and unspeakable manner, both Sacrifice and Priest.

O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart, that I may taste the sweetness of Thy love; heal it of all infirmities, that I may find sweetness in nothing out of Thee. O most pure Bread, Who hast in Thyself all delight and all savour, Who ever refreshest me, and never failest in Thyself, let my heart feed on Thee, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savour. The Angels feed on Thee fully; let pilgrim man feed on Thee after his measure, that he may never fail in the way, being refreshed with such sustenance on his journey.

Holy Bread, living Bread, pure Bread, Who camest down from heaven, and givest life unto the world, come into my heart, and cleanse me from all defilement of flesh and spirit. Enter into my soul; heal and cleanse me within and without. Be the protection and continual health of soul and body. Drive far from me those who lay wait for me, let my enemies remove far away from the presence of Thy power; so that, fenced within and without by Thee, I may, by a straight way, arrive at Thy kingdom, where not, as now, in mysteries, but face to face I shall behold Thee, when Thou shalt have delivered up the kingdom to God and the Father, and shalt be God all in all. Then shalt Thou satisfy me with Thyself, by a marvellous fulness, so that I shall neither hunger nor thirst any more; Who livest and

reignest with the same God the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

JESUS ! my Lord, my God, my All !
How can I love Thee as I ought ?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
So far surpassing hope or thought ?
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore !
Oh make us love Thee more and more !

Had I but Mary's sinless heart
To love Thee with, my dearest King,
Oh with what bursts of fervent praise
Thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing !
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore !
Oh make us love Thee more and more !

Oh, see ! within a creature's hand
The vast Creator deigns to be,
Reposing infant-like, as though
On Joseph's arm or Mary's knee.
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore !
Oh make us love Thee more and more !

Thy Body, Soul, and Godhead all !
Oh, mystery of love divine !
I cannot compass all I have ;
For all Thou hast and art are mine !
Sweet Sacrament, we Thee adore !
Oh make us love Thee more and more !

Amen.

Prayers after Holy Communion.

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Affections.

BEHOLD, Lord, I have Thee now, Who hast all things; I possess Thee, Who dost possess all things, and who canst do all things; take off my heart, then, O my God and my All, from all other things but Thee, for in them there is nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit; let my heart be fixed on Thee alone, let me ever repose in Thee, where alone my treasure is.

Let my soul, O Lord, feel the sweetness of Thy presence. Let me taste how sweet Thou art, that, being drawn by Thy love, I may never more seek for worldly joys, for Thou art the Joy of my heart and my Portion for ever.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, Who healest all my infirmities by Thy sacred Blood; I am that sick man whom Thou camest from heaven to heal: heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd Who hast laid down Thy life for the sheep; behold, I am that sheep which was lost, take me now upon Thy shoulders to carry me home. What canst Thou deny me, Who hast given me Thyself? Be Thou my Shepherd, and I shall lack nothing in the green pasture where Thou dost lead me, until Thou bringest me to the happy pastures of life eternal.

O true Light, Which lightenest every man that cometh into this world, lighten mine eyes that I may never sleep in death.

O Fire, ever burning, and never decaying

behold how lukewarm and cold I am; inflame my reins and my heart, that they may burn with Thy love; for Thou camest to cast fire upon earth, and what dost Thou will, but that it be kindled?

O King of heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold I am poor and needy; Thou knowest what I stand most in need of; Thou alone canst aid and enrich me. Help me, O God, and out of the treasures of Thy bounty succour my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, behold, I am Thy servant; give me understanding, and stir up my affections, that I may know and do Thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, That takest away the sins of the world; take away from me whatever is hurtful to me and displeasing to Thee, and give me what Thou knowest to be pleasing to Thee, and profitable to myself.

Thou art my Love and all my Joy; Thou art my God and my All; Thou art the Portion of mine inheritance and of my cup; Thou art He that will restore my inheritance to me.

O my God and my All, may the sweet flame of Thy love consume my soul, that so I may die to the world for love of Thee, Who didst vouchsafe to die upon the cross for love of me. Amen and Amen.

Acts of Praise and Thanksgiving.

O JESUS, my Redeemer, would that I had received Thee as I ought; would that I could render thanks unto Thee in a worthy manner! What return shall I make Thee, O Lord, for all that Thou hast done for me? Behold, when I had no being at all Thou didst create me; and when I

was gone astray, and lost in my sins, Thou didst redeem me, by dying for me; all that I have, all that I am, is Thy gift; and now, after all other favours, Thou hast given me Thyself: blessed be Thy name for ever.

Let my soul magnify Thee, O Lord, let my spirit rejoice in Thee, my Saviour, for Thou hast regarded the low estate of Thy servant; Thou art mighty, and hast done to me great things; holy is Thy Name. Thou art great, and cannot worthily be praised; great are Thy works; of Thy wisdom there is no end; but Thy bounty and goodness unto me are above all Thy works; Thou hast given me Bread from heaven; Thou hast made me to eat Angels' Food; Thou hast given me to drink of the Stream that floweth from Thyself, the Rock of our salvation; Thou hast satisfied my empty soul, and filled my hungry soul with good things.

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, and for His goodness and mercy to me, praise Him and magnify Him for ever. Praise the Lord, all ye Angels of His, ye ministers of His that do His pleasure.

Blessed and glorious Virgin Mary, bless thou the Lord; praise and highly exalt Him for ever.

And let the whole congregation of the Saints, the Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and all their glorious companions, bless their Lord and mine with me and for me, and together let us say:—

Worthy is the Lamb That was slain, and redeemed us to God by His Blood, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Blessing, and

honour, and glory, and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

Act of Oblation.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all consolation, how hast Thou loved us, to whom Thou hast given Thine Only-Begotten Son, not only to die for us, but also to be our spiritual Food and Sustenance in these holy Mysteries! What can I, out of my poverty, return unto Thee for this boundless charity? Verily I can offer unto Thee nothing else but this same beloved Son of Thine, whom Thou hast given me; and surely Thou couldst give nothing greater or more worthy of Thyself.

He is our High Priest and Victim; He is the Propitiation for the sins of the whole world; He is our Advocate and Intercessor. Look down, then, upon Him, and for His sake look down upon me, and upon us all.

Remember His wonderful Incarnation, His most innocent life, His tears, His bitter anguish, His agony and bloody sweat, all the injuries and insults, all the blows and stripes, all the bruises and wounds that He received for us. Remember His Death, which Thou wast pleased should be the fountain of our life; and for the sake of His Incarnation, Merits, and Passion, have mercy upon us.

And turning myself to Thee, O most gracious Saviour, Who hast here given me Thyself, I offer unto Thee my own undivided self, unworthy though it be; receive my memory, my will, my understanding, and, cleansing me from all stains

and imperfections in Thine own Blood, do Thou present me unto Thine Eternal Father, that in Thee and by Thee He may receive me as a son. I pray Thee, O Lord, to keep evermore that which I have committed unto Thee; with Thee it is safe, away from Thee there is neither peace nor safety.

Petitions.

O MOST merciful Saviour, behold I have presumed to receive Thee this day into my house, relying on Thine infinite goodness and mercy; let me, like Zaccheus, obtain Thy benediction.

Thou art infinitely rich, and all the treasures of divine grace are contained in Thee; these treasures Thou bringest with Thee when Thou dost visit us in this blessed Sacrament, and Thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us to enrich our poverty. This gives me the confidence now to present my petitions to Thee, and to beg of Thee those graces and virtues which I very much stand in need of, as Thou knowest.

Increase and strengthen my faith in the doctrine Thou hast revealed to Thy Church, teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from the love of transitory things.

Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul chaste and pure, that I may mourn the past, and, by daily mortification, restrain all irregular passions for the future.

Above all things, teach me to love Thee, to be ever recollected in Thee, and to walk always in Thy presence; teach me to love my friends in Thee, and my enemies for Thee; grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come

one day to that happy place where I may love and enjoy Thee for ever.

Have mercy also upon Thy whole Catholic Church, upon its rulers, and upon all the faithful; dispel error, heal schisms, restore perfect unity; bless all the faithful departed, and grant them light and peace.

Let the glorious and ever-virgin Mary, the Mother of God, the blessed Apostles, Martyrs, and Virgins, and all the court of heaven evermore make supplication unto Thee on our behalf, and so may we come at last into their blessed company, and never be separated from Thee for ever. Amen.

Prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas (after Communion).

I GIVE Thee thanks, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to feed me, a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, for no merits of my own, but only out of the goodness of Thy great mercy, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And I pray Thee that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon me to condemnation, but may be a saving intercession for my pardon. Let it be to me an armour of faith and a shield of a good will. Let it be to me a casting out of vices, a driving away of all evil wishes and fleshly affections; an increase of love, humility, patience, obedience, and all holiness; a firm defence against the plots of my enemies, seen and unseen; a perfect quieting of all motions of sin, both in my flesh and in my spirit; a firm cleaving to Thee, the only and true God, and a happy end of my life. And I pray Thee to deign to bring

me, a sinner, to that heavenly Feast, where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Ghost, art to Thy holy ones true Light, full Satisfaction, everlasting Joy, and perfect Happiness. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EVENING AFTER COMMUNION.

COME, let me for a moment cast
All earthly thoughts away,
And muse upon the sacred Gift
Which I received to-day.

This morning that Eternal Lord,
Who is my Judge to be,
Came to this lowly tenement,
And stayed awhile with me.

With His celestial Flesh and Blood
My fainting soul He fed;
With tender words of grace and love,
My heart He comforted.

He who of all that live and breathe
Is all the Life and Breath,
This morning deigned to visit me
In this my house of death.

He Who in awful Godhead sits
Upon His throne on high,
This morning entered my abode,
In His Humanity.

He Who for me a trembling Babe
On Mary's heart reclined,
This morning in my heart and flesh
His Deity enshrined.

O soul of mine, reflect, reflect;
Consider, one by one,
What marvels of surpassing grace
Thy God in thee has done.

His tender love with love repay,
Extol His sacred Name;
To all the world His greatness tell,
His graciousness proclaim. Amen.

ASPIRATIONS TO JESUS IN THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR.

For use before or after Communion, or when assisting at the Sacrifice.

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

I BELIEVE, O my Jesus, Thy divine word, that under this outward form of bread Thou Thyself art here present as truly Thou art in heaven.

I believe that Thou art the divine Son, eternally equal to the Father, that by the operation of the Holy Ghost Thou didst take human Flesh of the Blessed Virgin.

I believe that Thou art the same Jesus Who wast born of Mary ever-Virgin, adored an Infant by Thine Angels, by the shepherds, and the magi.

I believe, O my Redeemer, here present in Sacrament, that Thou art the same Jesus of Nazareth Who didst heal the sick, and didst raise the dead, Who for us didst suffer and die upon the Cross.

I believe, finally, that Thou Thyself, now sitting

glorious at the right hand of Thy Father in heaven, and there interceding for me, yet art verily present in this Sacrament, my Nourishment on earth.

O most loving Jesus, Who in this Sacrament hast left me a pledge of future glory, I hope, through the merits of Thy death and passion, to behold Thee face to face in heaven.

O Jesus, Cause of our glorious resurrection, I hope, through the virtue of this divine Food, wherewith thou nourishest me, to rise glorious into life eternal.

I love Thee, O Jesus, Who art perfect charity; Who, in Thine essence, art true God and true Man; in Whom are hid the treasures of the Godhead, and all the fulness of grace which descends to us upon this earth.

I love Thee, dear Jesus, Who, for love of me, hast made Thyself like unto me; kindle within me the flame of sacred love which Thou didst bring from heaven, that, loving Thee, I may grow into Thy likeness.

I love Thee, O divine Jesus, my Lord and Master, because Thou hast redeemed and freed me, poor slave of sin, with Thy all-precious Blood. Oh, of Thy sweet mercy, grant that I may enjoy the full fruit of Thy redemption.

Acts of Adoration.

I WORSHIP Thee, O living Bread, descended from heaven for my spiritual food; give me grace worthily to receive Thee in life and in death.

I worship Thee, divine Food of the strong; strengthen my weakness, that I may ever be constant and faithful to Thy love.

I worship Thee, O my Jesus, hidden beneath

the sacramental veils; let my life be hidden, through Thee, in God.

I worship Thee, great God, Who art the only way; make me ever to walk in the path of Thy precepts, and after Thy shining example, that so I may arrive at eternal salvation.

I worship Thee, O Jesus, true and spiritual Life of all who love Thee; give me grace to die to myself, and to live to Thee alone, Who didst die for the love of me.

I worship Thee, my dear Redeemer, truth unspeakable; enliven, I beseech Thee, and increase my faith, that it may be fruitful in good works.

I worship Thee, O Jesus, divine Light of the world; shine upon my mind, that, knowing, I may love Thee, and may come to enjoy Thee eternally in heaven.

I worship Thee, divine and loving Shepherd; draw to Thyself this wounded sheep, that it may never more leave Thy fold, to fall into the power of the infernal wolf.

I worship Thee, divine Lamb, Who, for the sins of the world, didst give Thyself to be slain; grant that I may bear all my sufferings patiently for Thy sake, in satisfaction for my sins.

I worship Thee, O Jesus, King of glory, Judge of the quick and the dead; make me on earth so to fear Thy justice, that in heaven I may eternally sing Thy mercy.

Acts of Thanksgiving.

I THANK Thee, O Divine Redeemer, that, not content with having for our sakes come upon the earth, Thou hast instituted this adorable Sacrament, that therein Thou mightest remain with us unto the end of the world.

I thank Thee, O glorious Jesus, that Thou dost veil, beneath the forms of bread and wine, Thine infinite Majesty and beauty, which Thine Angels delight to behold, that so I might have courage to approach the throne of Thy mercy.

I thank Thee, O Jesus most loving, that, having made Thyself my food, Thou dost enter within this body, which, alas ! has too often deserved to be visited with Thy anger.

I thank Thee, my dear Saviour, that in this unspeakable Mystery Thou unitest me to Thee with so much love, that I therein live in Thee, and Thou in me.

I thank Thee, O my Jesus, that, giving Thyself to me in this blessed Sacrament, Thou hast so enriched it with the treasures of Thy love that Thou hast not, Thou canst not, Thou knowest not, what greater gift to give me.

I thank Thee, O my good Jesus, that not only Thou art become my Food, but also in the blessed Sacrament offerest Thyself a continual Sacrifice for my salvation to Thy eternal Father.

I thank thee, Divine Priest, for that every day thou dost offer Thyself upon our Altars, in adoration and homage to the most Blessed Trinity, and dost supply for our poor and miserable adorations.

I thank Thee, O my Saviour, because, continuing in this daily sacrifice the very sacrifice of the Cross offered on Calvary, Thou dost satisfy the divine justice for us miserable sinners.

I thank Thee, dear Jesus, that thou hast become the priceless Victim, to merit for me the fulness of heavenly favours. Awaken in me such trust that their abundance may ever more and more descend upon my soul.

I thank Thee, my loving Saviour, that Thou art offered in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits, spiritual and temporal, which He has bestowed upon me, and which I yet hope to receive.

Three final Aspirations.

O JESUS, divine Head of Thy spouse the Church, have mercy upon all bishops and pastors, and shed upon them thy Holy Spirit, that they may maintain Thy holy faith pure and untouched, and may spread over the whole world the light of thy Catholic truth.

O Jesus, King of kings, mercifully behold our princes, and those in authority; pour into them the spirit of Thy divine wisdom, clemency, and justice, so that they may at last enter with Thee into thy heavenly kingdom.

O Jesus, all merciful, triumph, I beseech Thee, over the malice and hardness of all who obstinately offend Thee, so that, acquiring Thy grace in this world, they may become worthy of the glory of thy heavenly Paradise for all eternity. Amen.

THE LOVE OF THE SACRED HEART.

I RISE from dreams of time,
And an Angel guides my feet,
To the Sacred Altar-throne
Where Jesus' Heart doth beat.

Softly the tapers gleam,
Around deep silence reigns,
Only with still small voice,
The Holy One complains.

Long have I waited here,
And, though thou heed'st not Me,
The Heart of Mary's Son
Beats ever on for thee.

In the womb of Mary meek,
In the manger, on the Tree,
Heart of undying love,
It lived, loved, broke for me.

O voice to the inward ear!
O voice of complaining love!
O Thou art Awful God
Of realms below and above.

Thou waitest and pleadest here,
And canst not from us part,
O veiled and wondrous Son!
O love of the Sacred Heart!

Tables of Psalms and Canticles

For use before or after Confession and Communion.

Before Confession.

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Litanies.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

(*Sunday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
Jesus, hear us: *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, Splendour of the Father,
Jesus, Brightness of Eternal Light,
Jesus, King of Glory,
Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most wonderful,
Jesus, the mighty God,
Jesus, the everlasting Father,
Jesus, the Angel of great counsel,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart,
Jesus, Lover of chastity,
Jesus, Lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, Author of life,
Jesus, Example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous Lover of souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our Refuge,
Jesus, Father of the poor,
Jesus, Treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, Good Shepherd,
Jesus, true Light,
Jesus, eternal Wisdom,
Jesus, infinite Goodness,
Jesus, our Way and our Life,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Purity of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
Be merciful unto us,
Spare us, O Lord Jesus.
Be merciful unto us,
Hear us, O Lord Jesus.

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil,
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,

Jesus, deliver us.

From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thy Holy Inspirations,
By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thine Infancy,
By Thy most Divine Life,
By Thy Labours,
By Thine Agony and Passion,
By Thy Cross and Desolation,
By Thy Sufferings,
By Thy Death and Burial,
By Thy Resurrection,
By Thine Ascension,
By Thy Joys,
By Thy Glory,
Jesus, deliver us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, spare us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, graciously hear us.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Jesus, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us. *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast said, Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech Thee, to our most humble supplications the gift of Thy most Divine love, that we may ever love Thee with our whole hearts, words, and works, and never cease praising Thee.

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy steadfast

fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy Holy Name; Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF THE HOLY GHOST.

(*Monday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Holy Ghost, Who proceedest from, and art Co-equal with, the Father and the Son,
Promise of the Father, and Gift of the Most High,
Consuming Fire,
Spiritual Unction,
Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,
Spirit of Counsel and Strength,
Spirit of Knowledge and Godliness,
Spirit of the Fear of the Lord,
Spirit of love, joy, and peace,
Spirit of long-suffering, gentleness, and goodness,
Spirit of truth, meekness, and patience,
Spirit of modesty, temperance, and chastity,
Spirit of compunction and of penance,
Spirit of grace and of supplication,
Spirit of discipline,
Spirit of adoption of the sons of God,
Holy Ghost, the Comforter,

Have mercy upon us.

Holy Ghost, the Sanctifier, *Have mercy upon us.*
Be merciful : *Spare us, Holy Ghost.*
Be merciful : *Graciously hear us, Holy Ghost.*

From all sin, and from all evil,
From the crafts and assaults of the devil,
From uncleanness of mind or body,
From every evil spirit,
By Thine eternal Procession from the Father and the Son,
By Thy Working at the Creation,
By Thine Inspiration of the Prophets,
By Thy descent upon the Mother of God at the Lord's Incarnation,
By Thy descent upon the Lord at His Baptism,
By Thy descent upon the Blessed Virgin and the Apostles at Pentecost,
By Thy continual abiding in the Church,
By Thy Grace and Pity,
In the Day of Judgment,
We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

Holy Ghost, deliver us.

That it may please Thee to shed abroad Thy light and love in our hearts,
That it may please Thee to open unto us the treasures of Thy grace,
That it may please Thee to teach us to ask for them according to Thy will,
That Thou wouldest teach us to pray, and Thyself pray within us,
That we may not grieve Thee nor do Thee despite,
That remembering our bodies are Thy temples, we may take heed not to defile them,
That it may please Thee to lead us into all truth,
That it may please Thee to pour Thy peace upon the whole Church,
Holy Ghost,

We beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Pour out upon us the Holy Ghost.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Send forth upon us the promised Spirit of the Father.
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Grant to us the Spirit of Peace.
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, O Lord, and they shall be created.

℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

GRANT, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and cleanse our hearts, that He may shed on us His heavenly dew, and make us fruitful in good works.

Kindle, O Lord, our reins and our hearts with the fire of the Holy Ghost, that we may serve Thee with clean bodies, and please Thee with pure hearts.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let the power of the Holy Ghost be nigh unto us : whereby our hearts may be mercifully cleansed, and kept free from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS & ANGELS.

(*Tuesday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us ; *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Son of the Living God,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, Joy of Angels,
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,
Jesus, Inspirer of Prophets,
Jesus, Master of Apostles,
Jesus, Teacher of Evangelists,
Jesus, Strength of Martyrs,
Jesus, Light of Confessors,
Jesus, Spouse of Virgins,
Jesus, Crown of all Saints,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Be favourable : *Spare us, good Lord.*
Be favourable : *Graciously hear us, good Lord.*

From all sin and evil,
From all the crafts and assaults of the devil or man,
By Thine Almighty Power whereby Thou didst create Angels and men,
By Thine Incarnation, Passion, and Death, the source of all merit,
By the love whereby Thou didst give unto Thine Angels perseverance and glory,
By their continual protection and intercessions,
By the love whereby Thou didst elect Mary to be Thy Mother,
By Thine Incarnation in her womb,
By Thy remembrance of her upon the Cross,
By the glory Thou bestowest upon her in heaven,
By her prayers and intercessions,
} *Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the love whereby Thou didst bestow such manifold merits and graces on all Thy Saints,
By the holy lives Thou didst enable them to live,
By their holy deaths, precious in Thy sight,
By the crowns and glories Thou hast given unto them,
By their continual prayers and intercessions,
In the hour of death,
In the Day when Thou shalt come, with all Thy Saints and Angels, to judge the world,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and to guide, preserve, and govern Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout all the world.
That it may please Thee to give thine Angels charge over us to keep us in all our ways,
That it may please Thee to grant that they may carry our prayers into Thy holy presence,
That it may please Thee that after our death the Angels may carry our souls into Thy rest,
That it may please Thee to grant that we may become followers of all Saints, who through faith and patience have inherited the promises,
That it may please Thee to aid and defend us by the prayers and intercessions of the holy Mother of God,
That it may please Thee to grant us to receive benefit from the prayers of Thy blessed Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of all Saints,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

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intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Thy blessed Apostles, and of all Thy Saints, mercifully give peace in our time, that we, being holpen by the aid of Thy mercy, may both be ever set free from sin, and also safe from all disquiet: Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

A LITANY OF PENITENTS.

(*Wednesday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
O God, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live,
Who didst not spare the rebellious angels, but didst call Adam to repentance,
Who didst save Noah and Lot from the destruction of the ungodly,
Who didst fearfully punish impenitent Pharaoh, but didst deliver Thy people Israel,
Who forgavest the sins of Thy disobedient people at the prayer of Moses,
Who didst spare the Ninevites when they repented with fasting,
Who forgavest the sin of David when he confessed and repented,
Who forgavest even Ahab when he humbled himself and repented,

Have mercy upon us.

Who heardest Judith as she prayed in sackcloth and ashes,
Who deliveredst Hezechiah and his people when he fasted and prayed,
Who didst hear and pardon penitent Manasseh,
Who didst save Esther and Mordecai when they fasted and prayed,
Who didst aid the Maccabees when they fasted in sackcloth and ashes,
Who camest into the world to save sinners,
Who sentest as Thy herald, John, the preacher of repentance,
Who didst absolve the woman taken in adultery,
Who forgavest the many sins of Mary Magdalen, who loved much,
Who didst restore the penitent Peter,
Who didst receive publicans and sinners, and didst eat with them,
Who didst call Saul the persecutor to repentance,
Who didst send Thine Apostles to preach repentance,
O God, the Gracious and Merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, Who repentest Thee of the evil,
Be favourable : *Spare us, good Lord.*
Be favourable : *Graciously hear us, good Lord.*

Have mercy upon us.

From all sin and evil,
From a sudden and impenitent death,
By Thy Baptism and Fasting,
By Thy toils and griefs,
By Thy Precious Blood,
In the hour of death and in the Day of Judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, and that it may please Thee to bring us to true repentance,
That we may judge ourselves, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance,
That we may chasten our bodies and bring them into subjection, so that sin may not reign in our mortal bodies,
That, being dead unto sin, we may live unto righteousness,
That we may work out our own salvation with fear and trembling,
That, coming boldly to the throne of grace, we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need,
That we may count all things but loss for Christ,
That it may please Thee to correct and to purge us in time, and to spare us in eternity,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Spare us, good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.
℣. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness.
℟. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who castest out none, but of Thy gracious goodness art favourable unto sinners, howsoever great they be, when they repent; mercifully regard the prayers of Thy humble servants, that they may have strength to fulfil Thy commandments.

O God, Who desirest not the death, but the repentance of sinners, most pitifully regard the weakness of our mortal nature, and in Thy loving-kindness, prosper all our endeavours, that through Thine endless mercy we may obtain remission of all our sins, steadfastness in Thy service, and finally, with joy, the rewards which Thou hast promised unto them that persevere. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

(*Thursday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
Living Bread, That camest down from Heaven,
Hidden God and Saviour,
Corn of the elect,
Wine, Whose fruit are Virgins,
Bread of Fatness and Royal Dainties,
Perpetual Sacrifice,
Pure Oblation,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Lamb without spot,
Most pure Feast,
Food of Angels,
Hidden Manna,
Memorial of the Wonders of God,
Supernatural Bread,
Word made Flesh, dwelling in us,
Sacred Victim,
Chalice of Benediction,
Mystery of Faith,
Most high and adorable Sacrament,
Most holy of all Sacrifices,
True Propitiation for the living and the dead,
Heavenly Antidote against the poison of sin,
Most wonderful of all miracles,
Most holy Commemoration of the Passion of Christ,
Gift transcending all fulness,
Special Memorial of divine love,
Richness of divine bounty,
Most august and holy Mystery,
Medicine of Immortality,
Tremendous and life-giving Sacrament,
Bread made Flesh by the omnipotence of the Word,
Unbloody Sacrifice,
Our Food and our Fellow Guest,
Sweetest Banquet, at which Angels minister,
Sacrament of Piety,
Bond of Charity,
Priest and Victim,
Spiritual Sweetness, tasted in Its proper Source,
Refreshment of holy souls,
Viaticum of them that die in the Lord,
Pledge of future glory,

Have mercy upon us.

Be merciful : *Spare us, O Lord.*
Be merciful : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

From an unworthy reception of Thy Body and Blood,
From the lust of the flesh,
From the lust of the eyes,
From the pride of life,
From every occasion of sin,
By the desire with which Thou desiredst to eat This Passover with thy Disciples,
By the deep humility with which Thou didst wash their feet,
By the burning charity with which Thou didst institute this divine Sacrament,
By Thy precious Blood, Which Thou hast left us on our Altars,
By the Five Wounds of This Thy Holy Body which Thou didst receive for us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us.

That it would please Thee to preserve and increase our faith, reverence, and devotion towards this wonderful Sacrament,
That it would please Thee to conduct us, through a true confession of our sins, to a frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist,
That it would please Thee to deliver us from all heresy, unbelief, and blindness of heart,
That it would please Thee to impart to us the precious and heavenly fruits of this Most Holy Sacrament,
That it would please Thee to strengthen and fortify us with this heavenly Viaticum at the hour of death,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Spare us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
℣. Thou didst give them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia.)
℟. Containing in Itself all sweetness. (Alleluia.)

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who in this wondrous Sacrament hast left us a Memorial of Thy Passion, grant us so to reverence the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may always perceive in ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption, Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF THE PASSION.

(*Friday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, one God,
Jesus, Who didst institute the Holy Sacrament of the Altar in memory of Thy Passion,
Jesus, going forth from the upper chamber to give Thyself to death,
Jesus, praying in the Garden of Olives,
} *Have mercy upon us.*

Jesus, overcome with heaviness, strengthened by an Angel in thine Agony and Sweat of Blood,
Jesus, sold and betrayed by Judas,
Jesus, taken and bound by soldiers,
Jesus, forsaken by Thy disciples,
Jesus, dragged through the streets of Jerusalem, and led from one tribunal to another as a malefactor,
Jesus, accused by false witnesses,
Jesus, outraged, struck, and insulted, during the whole night,
Jesus, denied by Saint Peter,
Jesus, led before Pilate, and accused by the Jews,
Jesus, despised by Herod,
Jesus, to Whom Barabbas was preferred by the people, and Whose Death they demanded,
Jesus, scourged,
Jesus, clothed with purple, crowned with thorns, with a reed in Thy Hand, and treated as a mock King,
Jesus, spit upon,
Jesus, brought before the people,
Jesus, condemned to death by Pilate,
Jesus, laden with the Cross, and led to Calvary,
Jesus, stripped of Thy garments,
Jesus, nailed to the Cross,
Jesus, raised on the Cross,
Jesus, blasphemed on the Cross,
Jesus, Who didst pray for Thine enemies,
Jesus, Who didst promise Paradise to the repentant thief,
Jesus, Who didst commend Thy Mother and Saint John to each other,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Who didst say to Thy Father, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?
Jesus, Who didst taste vinegar in Thy thirst,
Jesus, Who didst say, It is finished,
Jesus, Who didst commend Thy Spirit to Thy Father,
Jesus, bowing Thine Head upon the Cross,
Jesus, giving up the Ghost,
Jesus, dead upon the Cross,
Jesus, pierced with a spear,
Jesus, shedding Blood and Water from Thy Side,
Jesus, taken down from the Cross, and laid in Thy Mother's arms,
Jesus, Who didst cause Thy power to shine forth, after Thy Death, by many wonderful miracles,
Jesus, laid in the tomb,
Jesus, descending into hell,
Jesus, preaching to the spirits in prison,
Jesus, obedient unto death,
Jesus, destroying death by Thy Death,
Jesus, King of Glory,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Spare us, good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, good Lord.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
℣. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.
℟. Because, by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the Living God, Who wast nailed to the Cross for the redemption of the world, and hast shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins; we most humbly entreat Thee to grant us Thy grace, that after our death we may joyfully enter Paradise; O Thou Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

LITANY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

(*Saturday.*)

LORD, have mercy upon us: *Christ, have mercy upon us:* Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us: *O Christ, graciously hear us.*

O God the Father, of Heaven,
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
O God the Holy Ghost,
O Holy Trinity, One God,
} *Have mercy upon all the faithful departed.*

Remember not, O Lord, the offences of Thy servants and handmaidens departed, neither take Thou vengeance of their sins; spare them, good Lord, and be favourable to the souls of those whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood, be not angry with them for ever: *Spare them, good Lord.*

From all evil,
From Thy wrath,
From the flames of fire,
From the land of the shadow of death,
By Thy wonderful Conception,
By Thy Nativity,
By Thy most sweet Name,
} *Good Lord, deliver them.*

By the multitude of Thy mercies,
By Thy most bitter Passion,
By Thy most holy Wounds,
By Thy shameful Death, wherein by dying Thou didst destroy our death,
We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us.

Good Lord, deliver them.

Thou Who the sinful woman savedst, and the dying thief forgavest,
Thou Who dost free salvation send us,
That it may please Thee to set free our parents, kinsfolk, and benefactors from all their sins, and the punishments thereof,
That it may please Thee to remember and to show mercy unto all the faithful departed who are not held in special memory upon earth,
That it may please Thee to grant unto all who rest in Christ a place of refreshment, light, and peace,
That it may please Thee to turn their weeping into gladness,
That it may please Thee to fulfill all their desires,
That it may please Thee to cause them to bless Thee more fully, and to offer unto Thee the Sacrifice of praise,
That it may please Thee to place them in the fellowship of Thine elect,
Fount of Pity,
Thou Who hast the keys of death and hell,
Son of God,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Grant them rest.*
O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world: *Grant them rest.*

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world : *Grant them rest everlasting.*
O Christ, hear us : *O Christ, graciously hear us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. From the gates of hell.
℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

℣. May they rest in peace.
℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, That art Creator and Redeemer of all faithful people, grant unto the souls of Thy servants and handmaids remission of all their sins, that through devout prayers they may obtain Thy gracious pardon that they have alway desired.

We beseech Thee, Lord, that the prayer of Thy suppliants may avail to the souls of Thy servants, that Thou wilt both purge them of all their sins, and cause them to be partakers of Thy Redemption.

God, Whose property is to be merciful ever, and to spare, be merciful to the souls of Thy servants and handmaids, and forgive them all their sins, that they, being loosed from the bonds of death, may ascend into the life everlasting. Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

ST. BERNARD'S HYMN TO JESUS.

Jesu dulcis memoria.

JESU !—The very thought is sweet !
In that dear Name all heart-joys meet :
But sweeter than the honey far
The glimpses of His Presence are.

No word is sung more sweet than this ;
No name is heard more full of bliss ;
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh
Than Jesus, Son of God most high.

Jesu ! the hope of souls forlorn !
How good to them for sin that mourn !
To them that seek Thee, oh, how kind !
But what art Thou to them that find ?

No tongue of mortal can express,
No letters write its blessedness :
Alone who hath Thee in his heart
Knows, Love of Jesus ! what Thou art.

Be Thou our Joy and Thou our Guard,
Who art to be our great Reward :
Our glory and our boast in Thee
For ever and for ever be ! Amen.

The Rosary of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

✠ IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

℣. O Lord, open Thou my lips. ℟. And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. ℣. O God,

make speed to save me. ℟. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be, &c. As it was, &c. Alleluia.

The Five Mysteries of the First Part.

I. The Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Son of God takes upon Him human flesh out of the pure blood of the Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and is made Man in her womb.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *To be repeated ten times, and to end with* Glory be, &c.

II. The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is born for our Redemption, His Mother remaining a Virgin.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

III. The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, being eight days old, begins to suffer for our sins, and His Blood already flows for us. He is circumcised, according to the law, as if He had been Himself a sinner.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

IV. Our Lord Jesus Christ is found in the Temple.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, being twelve years old, shows Himself to be more than mortal by His knowledge and wisdom, thus teaching the teachers of the Jews.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

V. The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Meditation.—The Saviour of the world is baptized by St. John; the Eternal Father declares Him to be His Son.

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O JESUS, Whose Name is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; Who, at the time appointed by the Eternal Wisdom, didst assume flesh in the womb of Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, and thus becamest the Son of David; Whose birth gladdened men and angels; Who didst begin to suffer so early for us, and to shed on our behalf that Blood Which washeth away the sins of the world; Whose immortal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years; to Whose Baptism all heaven gave heed; grant us to celebrate all these mysteries to Thine honour and our own salvation, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

The Five Mysteries of the Second Part.

I. Our Saviour washeth His disciples' feet.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, to show us an example of humility, and how much we ought to serve each other, descends so low as to wash the feet of His disciples, though He is God Whom heaven and earth worship.

Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

II. The Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Garden.

courage to His disciples, that they may be made fit to publish to mankind His Cross and His glory.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

IV. Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and the Saints.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour, having by His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension opened the way for the sons of Adam to the heaven which they had lost by sin, bestows upon His Mother and His Saints the crown of immortal glory.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

V. Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to Judgment.

The Meditation.—Our Saviour will come in power and majesty to judge the quick and the dead, and to render to every man according to his works.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us. *Ten times.* Glory be, &c.

Let us pray.

O JESUS, Whose Name is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; Whose Body, That was put to death by men, was raised by the Almighty from death, glorious and immortal; Who by Thine Ascension didst triumph over death, and leddest captivity captive; Who, according to Thy promise, didst send down the Spirit Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, the Comforter and Quickener; Who, stretching forth the bounty of

Thine Almighty hand, didst shed upon the chosen children of Adam that glory which neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man; Who wilt come forth in power and majesty to judge the quick and the dead, before Whose throne all mortals will appear; grant us to celebrate all these mysteries to Thine honour and our own salvation, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, ever One God, world without end. Amen.

Prayers to the Five Wounds of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(*From the "Paradise."*)

I.

O MOST meek Jesus, by the health-giving Wound of Thy Right Foot, forgive me all the evil thoughts wherewith I have offended Thee, and by its infinite merits supply all that my neglect of holy thoughts has left deficient; so may I henceforth desire Thee alone, my sole chief Good, and seek and find Him Whom my soul loveth. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

II.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the blessed Wound of Thy Left Foot, forgive me, I pray Thee, all that I have done amiss against Thy divine good-pleasure, by evil imaginations or abuse of my outward senses; keep my thoughts in check henceforth by Thy holy fear, that so, becoming

dead to the world and all created things, I may feel nothing and desire nothing, save Thee only, my God crucified for me. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

III.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the sacred Wound of Thy Right Hand, I most meekly pray Thee forgive all my evil and sinful acts; yea, and by its merits supply all that I have by guilty negligence, in whatever duty, left undone; and henceforth may I by Thy grace trade more profitably with the talents Thou hast given me. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

IV.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the Wound of Thy Left Hand, forgive my passionateness, my sudden angers, and acts of impatience, into which I run so heedlessly and headlong on the slightest provocation, and from the rich stores of that heavenly Wound deal out to me the balm of patience in all adversities, that I may be found worthy to inherit the land of the living which Thou hast promised to the meek. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

V.

O MOST sweet Jesus, by the sacred Wound of Thy pierced Heart, graciously forgive all that my heart hath ever sinned by perverse will or ill intention, and so implant my frail heart in Thine, O my God, that it may feel nothing, compass nothing, desire nothing other than Thine

own; thus may it repose for ever, guided by Thine, and steadfastly persevere in all good, even to the end of life. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

Prayers of St. Gregory on the Passion.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST! I worship Thee, hanging on the Cross, wearing on Thy Head the Crown of Thorns. Let Thy Cross, I pray Thee, deliver me from the destroying Angel.

O Lord Jesus Christ! I worship Thee, wounded on the Cross, given gall and vinegar to drink. Let Thy Wounds, I pray Thee, be Medicine to my soul. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ! I pray Thee, by the bitterness of Thy Passion which Thou enduredst at the hour of death, especially at the moment Thy most Holy Soul departed from Thy blessed Body, have mercy on my soul at its departure out of my body, and bring it to eternal life. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ! I worship Thee, laid in the Sepulchre, and embalmed with myrrh and spices. I pray Thee that Thy Death may be my life. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ! I worship Thee, descending into hell, and delivering thence Thy captives. I pray Thee suffer me never to enter therein. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ! I worship Thee, rising again from the dead, ascending into heaven, and sitting on the Right Hand of the Father. I pray Thee that I may be counted worthy to follow

Thee thither, and there be presented to Thee. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ! Good Shepherd, preserve the righteous, justify sinners, have mercy on all the faithful, and be favourable to me, a wretched and unworthy sinner. Amen.

Another Prayer

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the Living God! interpose Thy Passion, Cross, and Death between Thy justice and my soul, now, and at the hour of my death.

Vouchsafe to give grace and mercy to myself, pardon to the living, rest to the departed, peace to Thy Church, and life, with eternal glory, to all sinners; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Gertrude's Oblation of the Sufferings of Christ to the Eternal Father.

O FATHER, most loving, I offer Thee, in atonement and satisfaction for all my sins, all the entire Passion of Thy most dearly beloved Son, from the mournful cry He gave forth when laid upon the straw in the manger, through the helplessness of His Infancy, the privations of His Boyhood, the trials of His Youth, the sufferings of His Manhood, unto that hour when, bowing down His Head upon the Cross, with a great cry He gave up the Ghost. And I offer Thee, in atonement and satisfaction for all my negligences, O most loving Father, all the whole of the most holy Life and Conversation of Thy Son, most perfect in its every thought, word, and deed, from

the hour when He came down from His high Throne to the womb of the Virgin, and thence came forth into this our sad wilderness, to the hour when He offered in Thy Fatherly Presence the glory of His victorious Flesh. Amen.

HYMN OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

MY God, I love Thee, not because
I hope for heaven thereby;
Nor because they who love Thee not
Must burn eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me
Upon the Cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear,
And manifold disgrace;

And griefs and torments numberless,
And sweat of agony;
E'en death itself—and all for one
Who was Thine enemy.

Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ!
Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the sake of winning heaven,
Or of escaping hell;

Not with the hope of gaining aught,
Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me,
O ever-loving Lord.

E'en so I love Thee, and will love,
And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God,
And my eternal King.

Prayers for the Departed.

Antiphon.—Let the Angels lead thee to Paradise.

Psalm li., *Miserere mei, Deus,*
or
Psalm cxxx., *De profundis.*

At the end, instead of the Glory, *say :—*

Grant *him,* O Lord, eternal rest.
And let light perpetual shine upon *him.*

Antiphon.—Let the Angels lead thee to Paradise; let the Martyrs receive thee at thy coming, and bring thee unto the Holy City Jerusalem. Let the quires of Angels receive thee, and with Lazarus, who was once a beggar, mayest thou have eternal rest.

Lord, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. *But deliver us from evil.* ℣. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord. ℟. *For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.* ℣. From the gates of hell. ℟. *Deliver* his *soul, O Lord.* ℣. May *he* rest in peace. ℟. *Amen.* ℣. Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. *And let my cry come unto Thee.*

Let us pray.

ABSOLVE, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the soul of Thy servant [or handmaid] N., that, though dead unto the world, *he* may live unto Thee : and whatsoever *he* hath done amiss

in *his* human conversation, through the weakness of the flesh, do Thou cleanse away by the pardon of Thy most merciful loving-kindness. Through our Lord.

For a Man deceased.

LORD, bow down Thine ear unto our prayers, wherein we devoutly call upon Thy mercy, that Thou wilt bestow the soul of Thy servant, which Thou hast commanded to depart from this world, in the country of peace and light, and cause him to be a partner with Thy holy servants. Through our Lord.

For a Woman deceased.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that, according to Thy loving-kindness, Thou wouldest have mercy upon the soul of Thine handmaiden; and that, as she is set free from contact with the flesh, Thou wouldest restore unto her a portion in Thine everlasting salvation. Through our Lord.

From the Use of Sarum.

WE earnestly beseech Thy loving-kindness, O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast been pleased to create man after Thine own image, that Thou wouldest favourably and mercifully receive the spirit of Thy servant [handmaid] N., which Thou hast commanded to leave human things, and to come unto Thee; let not the shadow of death have dominion over it, nor let confusion or darkness touch it; but set it free from all spot of sin, place it in the bosom of Abraham, let it rejoice in a place of refreshment

prepared for it; and when the day of doom shall come, command it to arise with all Thy Saints and Elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer, 1549.

O LORD, with Whom do live the spirits of them that be dead, and in Whom the souls of them that be elected, after they be delivered from the burden of the flesh, be in joy and felicity; grant unto this Thy servant that the sins which *he* committed in this world be not imputed unto *him*, but that *he*, escaping the gates of hell, and pains of eternal darkness, may ever dwell in the region of light with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, in the place where is no weeping, sorrow, nor heaviness: and when that dreadful day of the general resurrection shall come, make *him* to rise also with the just and righteous, and receive *his* body again to glory, then made pure and incorruptible: set *him* on the right hand of Thy Son Jesus Christ, among Thy holy and elect, that then *he* may hear with them these most sweet and comfortable words: Come to Me, ye blessed of My Father, possess the kingdom which hath been prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O Merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

At the Eucharist.

I PRAY Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, for the souls of the faithful departed, that this great Sacrament of Thy love may be unto them health and salvation, joy and refreshment. O Lord

my God, grant unto them this day a great and abundant feast of Thee, the living and true Bread, Who camest down from heaven, and givest life unto the world; even of Thy holy and blessed Flesh, the Lamb without spot, Who takest away the sins of the world; even of that Flesh which was taken of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conceived by the Holy Ghost; of that fountain of mercy, which, by the soldier's lance, flowed from Thy most sacred Side; that they may be thereby enlarged and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, and may rejoice in Thy praise and in Thy glory. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR ALL CHRISTIAN SOULS.

CHRIST the King, the world's Creator,
  Saviour of our fallen race,
Hear the fervent supplications
  Offered in Thy holy place,
And, invoked by lowly voices,
  Show the brightness of Thy face.

When with might Thou overcamest
  Him who rules o'er death's domain,
Thou didst pass through hell's dark chambers,
  Bursting all its bars in twain,
And didst free the prisoned captives,
  Loosing every iron chain.

Praising Thee for that Thy triumph,
  Now in prayer to Thee we cry;
Trophy of the Father's right hand,
  Grant Thy rest to all who die;
With that rest O give them gladness,
  'Midst the Saints who dwell on high.

Let not penal fire burn them,
  Let not binding fetters chain,
Nor the worm which never dieth
  Torture them with endless pain;
Bless them with Thy priceless bounty;
  Take them in Thy joys to reign.

May the Unity vouchsafe it,
  May the Trinity Most High,
He Whose name is everlasting,
  Light Which shines unceasingly,
God the One, and God the Trinal,
  King from all eternity. Amen.

Miscellaneous Prayers and Intercessions.

For the Whole Church.

(Bishop Andrewes.)

WE pray for the Catholic Church; for the Churches throughout the whole world; that is, for their verity, unity, and stability; that in all charity may flourish, and truth be a living principle. For the Eastern Church, its deliverance and union; for the Western, its adjustment and peace; for the British, the supply of what is wanting in it, the strengthening of what remains in it; that what is unsound may be corrected; that all heresies, schisms, scandals, as well public as private, may be removed. Correct the wandering, convert the unbelieving, increase the faith of the Church, destroy heresies, expose the crafty enemies, bruise the violent. Give peace unto Thy Church, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy

precious Blood, and establish her unto the end of the world, O Christ our God, who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

For the Bishop of the Diocese.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to thy servant N. our Bishop that he, by both preaching and doing such things as be rightful, may instruct the souls of those under him by an ensample of good works, and also receive the reward of an everlasting recompense from Thee, most loving Shepherd, Who livest, &c.

For our Parish and Clergy.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, bless, I pray Thee, Thy servants the Clergy of this parish; give them holiness and wisdom in their hearts and words, that they may meetly serve at Thine altars, and truly preach Thy word; to us, their flock, give the grace of humility, that we may gladly obey them for Thy sake; give us, also, peace and love among ourselves, and purity in our lives; and so may we all, both priests and people, be found meet, at Thy coming, to receive Thine eternal rewards, Who livest and reignest, &c.

For our Country.

O LORD, arise, help us, and deliver us, for Thy name's sake. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts; show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole: O remember not our old sins, but have mercy upon us, and that soon, for we are come to great misery.

O merciful Lord God, Who hast said that the

son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, have mercy on our unhappy country, in which love to the Catholic religion has grown so cold; pity our Church, separated outwardly, for the sins of her children, from the rest of the Body of Christ; remember the many Saints who in the old times pleased Thee in this land, hear their prayers for us, forgive our sins, warm our love, and hasten to help us, that, the faith being exalted, error and doubt may be put away, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

For the Restoration of Desecrated Holy Places.

O MOST gracious God, Who rememberest not the iniquities of them that turn to Thee, but hearest their groans with pity, look upon the many temples, altars, and holy places in this land, once sacred to Thy glorious name, now, by the sins of our forefathers, lying desolate, ruined, and profaned: call to mind Thine heritage bought at cost of Thine awful wounds, and the shedding of Thy precious Blood; build again the waste places of our Sion, restore unto us the joy of Thy salvation, strengthen with Thy might, and enlighten with Thy wisdom those who fight for Thee; and at last bestow upon them the crown of glory that fadeth not away; Who livest, &c.

For the Town we dwell in.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Builder and Keeper of Jerusalem, the city above, preserve this place day and night, with all that dwell therein, that it may be an habitation of safety and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Father or Mother.

O GOD, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and our mother, mercifully hear me as I commend to Thy loving mercy my father [*or* mother, *or* father and mother]; reward him [her *or* them] with Thine eternal good things for all the care, trouble, and grief *he* hath borne on my account; give *him* here all things needful for soul and body, and hereafter join me with *him* to the company of Thy saints and elect. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Wife or Husband.

O GOD, who hast ordained holy marriage as a great mystery, bless her [him] whom Thou hast ordained to be my partner in that holy estate; let nothing separate us from each other's love, nor, above all, from Thine, both here and hereafter. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Children.

O GOD, Who hast been pleased to commit to my charge some of Thine own children, bought with Thy Blood, teach me ever to bear in mind how great a treasure is given to my care: lead them in the way of salvation, and knit us together in Thy love, Who art God, world without end. Amen.

For Friends and Benefactors.

O GOD, Who pourest into the hearts of Thy faithful people the gifts of charity by the grace of the Holy Ghost, grant unto Thy servants and handmaids for whom we entreat Thy mercy

health of mind and body, that they may love Thee with all their might, and with whole affections follow those things which are well-pleasing unto Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Sick.

O GOD, Who in Thy loving-kindness dost chasten us for our amendment, graciously bestow upon our brother [sister] N., afflicted with sickness, the comfort of Thy grace, that in the distress of *his* body, *he* may, with the earnestness of faith, seek for the healing of *his* soul, and be deemed worthy in patience to possess *his* soul. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those in Error.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, Who savest all men, nor wouldest that any should perish, mercifully regard the souls of those who have been led astray by the craft of the devil, that, laying aside all heretical error, the hearts of the wanderers may turn, and so come again into the unity of Thy truth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For those whom we have led into sin.

O GOD, the Giver of pardon, humbled in the dust, I call unto Thee on behalf of all those whom I have knowingly or unknowingly turned from Thy commandments, and led into sin (especially ——); require not their blood at my hands, but forgive unto them and unto me all our sins, and grant that we may together escape Thy

condemnation and gain Thine eternal rewards. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

For Travellers.

O GOD, Who didst lead the children of Israel dryshod through the Red Sea, and by the leading of a star didst show unto the three Magi the way unto Thyself, grant unto [us] Thy servants a prosperous journey and a peaceful time, that Thy holy angel being their [our] companion, they [we] may favourably reach that place to which they [we] journey, and gain at the last the port of everlasting salvation.

O God, Who when Thou hadst led Abraham Thy servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, didst keep him unharmed in all his wanderings, we beseech Thee that it would please Thee to preserve [us] Thy servants : be Thou unto them [us] an aid in setting out, a comfort by the way, a shadow in heat, a covering in rain and cold, a chariot in weariness, a guard in peril, a staff in slippery places, a port in shipwreck ; that, Thou being their [our] Guide, they [we] may favourably reach the place whither they [we] go, and return in safety to their [our] own homes again. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

For the Protection of the Angels.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, and may it please Thee to send Thy Holy Angel from heaven, who may keep, cherish, guard, visit, and defend all who dwell in this habitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Intercession of the Saints.

O LORD, we beseech Thee let all Thy Saints aid us in all places, that, while we call to mind their good deeds, we may be defended by their help; give peace in our time, and drive all wickedness from Thy Church; order the ways, deeds, and wills of ourselves and of all Thy servants in prosperity and salvation; give eternal rewards to our benefactors, and to all the faithful departed rest everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Feast of our Patron Saint.

BEHOLD, O God our Defender, and at the intercession of Thy holy servant N., whom I have chosen for my patron, stretch forth Thy right hand to be my defence in all adversities; grant me to follow his [her] footsteps here, and hereafter with him [her] to see Thee face to face in heaven. Who livest and reignest God for ever. Amen.

Act of Reparation to Jesus in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

℣. Behold our affliction, O Lord.
℟. And glorify Thy Holy Name.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who hast chosen to expose Thyself to all the outrages of the ungodly, rather than withdraw Thy Sacred Body from our Churches, grant us the grace to bewail, with true bitterness of heart, the injuries and sacrileges committed against Thee, and to repair,

as far as lies in our power, and with sincere love, the many ignominies and contempts Thou hast received, and still continuest to receive, in this ineffable Mystery. Who livest and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

For Union and Concord.

O GOD, Who makest men to be of one mind in an house, mercifully put to flight the causes of our dissensions, and grant us to serve Thee in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Grace of a good Death.

O GOD, Who, by a healthful providence, hast ordained that we should not know the day and hour of our death, that we may thereby be called forth from deadly sloth, grant unto us so to watch at all times with prayer, that we may go forth from this world free from stain of sin, and may be counted worthy to rest in the bosom of Thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For any Grace.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, from Whom all grace descends unto us, Thine own members; Who hast said, Ask, and ye shall receive, I entreat Thee, according to Thy will, to bestow upon my needy soul the grace of ——— for its own salvation, and to Thy honour and glory. Cast not out my prayer, nor turn Thy mercy from me, for Thy merits' sake. Amen.

To return Thanks for a Benefit.

O GOD, Whose loving-kindness is without end, and Whose treasure of goodness is infinite, we render thanks unto Thy most tender Majesty for Thy mercies bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Thy mercy that Thou, Who hast granted the prayers of them that called upon Thee, wilt not leave us Thy servants, but make us ready for Thy good things to come. Through Christ our Lord.

For the Anniversary of Baptism.

(Bishop Cosin.)

O LORD, Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who of Thine infinite goodness towards me, when I was born in sin, and was no other than an heir of everlasting wrath, didst vouchsafe that I should, as upon this day, be born again of Water and the Holy Ghost, in the blessed laver of Baptism, being thereby made a member of Christ and an heir of eternal life; for this Thine inestimable favour I do here gratefully commemorate that happy day, and in most humble and hearty will I do extol the abundant riches of Thy glorious grace, in Thy sight, and in the sight of Thy holy Angels, with all the company of heaven, renewing that sacred vow, which was then made in my name, to forsake this wicked world, and to live as a Christian ought to do, in obedience to Thy holy faith and commandments, most humbly beseeching Thee, of Thy great mercy, to pardon me all former breaches of my solemn promise, and to endue me with the assistance of Thy Holy Spirit, that henceforth I may walk in newness of life, worthy of that blessed estate

whereunto Thou hast called me; and, keeping myself unspotted from the world, the flesh, and the devil, I may daily die unto sin, for which cause I was baptized into the death of Christ; and, as I have had my part this day in the first regeneration, so I may at the last day have my part in the second and great regeneration of the world, to live and reign with Thee for ever. Through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On the Anniversary of Marriage.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting God, Who hast joined together us Thy servants in the bond of marriage, pour into us thy benediction, that we may agree together in unbroken love, and please Thee in all holy conversation, so that we may be counted worthy to be joined together in heaven in everlasting society. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Association for the Promotion of the Union of Christendom.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you," regard not my sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy will, Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

Prayer for the Associates of the Society for Intercessory Prayer.

℣. Turn us, then, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us,

O LORD, we beseech Thee to have mercy upon all those who sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee [*especially N. and M.*], and grant them true repentance, and an earnest longing for Thy service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for the Use of Associates of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament.

O ALMIGHTY God, look, we beseech Thee, on the face of Thy beloved Son, and, for the sake of His merits, mercifully hear the prayers which throughout our Confraternity we continually offer to Thee [especially—— *here the special intentions of the confraternity are named*], and grant us unity, a true faith, and a life agreeable to Thy will. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL.

SWEET Angel of Mercy! by Heaven's decree
Benignly appointed to watch over me!
Without thy protection, so constant and nigh,
I could not well live, I should tremble to die!

All thanks for thy love, dear companion and friend!
Oh, may it continue with me to the end!
Oh, cease not to keep me, blest guide of my youth,
In the ways of religion, and virtue, and truth.

When I wander in error, my footsteps recall;
Remove from my path what might cause me to fall;

Preserve me from sin; and in all that I do
May God and His glory be ever in view.

O thou who didst witness my earliest breath,
Be with me, I pray, in the hour of death;
All glowing with love, may I gladly depart,
With faith on my lips, and with hope in my heart:

Nor then do thou leave me, angelical friend!
But at the tribunal of judgment attend;
And cease not to plead for my soul, till forgiven
Thou bear it aloft to the Palace of Heaven.

Amen.

Prayers for the Sacred Seasons and Festivals.

Advent.

DROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down Righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth Salvation.

For Thy first coming in the flesh,

For Thy coming to our hearts, now, by grace,

For Thy last coming to bring in everlasting righteousness,

Praise and glory be to Thee, O Christ, for ever.

O God our Saviour, graciously behold us, who, in the unity of Thy Church, do now call to mind with thankfulness Thy first advent, and look forward with penitence and hope to Thy last fearful coming to judge the world; visit us now with Thy salvation, and by the gracious advent of Thy grace lighten the darkness of our hearts, that when Thou shalt appear, we may be acknowledged

by Thee as Thy servants. Who livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

Christmas.

UNTO us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia.

Blessed Jesus, True God and True Man, born in the form of a helpless infant;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, having the heavens for Thy throne, didst yet choose a stable for Thine abode;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed Jesus, Who, although God Almighty, wast pleased, from love to us, to be wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed be Thou, O Lord God of Israel, for Thou hast visited and redeemed Thy people;

Praise and glory be to Thee for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary! who hast borne the Lord, the Creator of the world; thou didst conceive Him Who made thee, and remainedst evermore a Virgin.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who hast made this holiest time to be bright with the shining of the true Light, grant, we beseech Thee, that like as we do know the mystery of that Light here upon earth, so we may ever enjoy the gladness thereof in heaven.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that

the new-come birth of Thine only-begotten Son may set us free, who have been held of old time in bondage beneath the yoke of sin. Through the same Thy Son, Who ever liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

The First Part of the Rosary, p. 78.

Epiphany.

All they of Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

PRAISE and glory be to Thee, O Christ, Who didst draw the Magi unto Thyself by the leading of a star; send forth from heaven the light of Thy grace, that it may lead us safely through the dangerous ways of this present world to Thine eternal home, where we shall see Thee, not as a lowly infant on Thy Holy Mother's knee, but crowned with immortal glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lent and Passiontide.

The Litany of Penitents, p. 65, and of the Passion, p. 71; the Second Part of the Rosary, p. 79; To the Five Wounds, p. 83; the Prayers of St. Gregory, p. 85; of St. Gertrude, p. 86.

Easter.

LET the multitude of the Angel host rejoice, joyfully let us approach the Divine Mysteries, and let the trumpet of salvation sound to celebrate the victory of so great a King. Alleluia.

For this is the true Feast of the Passover, wherein Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.

Let us then sing alleluias to the King of Glory, because, having laid down His Life for our redemption, He is now risen to a life immortal.

O come, let us heartily rejoice in God our Saviour, for He hath redeemed His people, and is risen triumphant over the powers of hell.

Let them give thanks whom the Lord hath redeemed, and delivered from the hand of the enemy.

Praise the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art become exceedingly glorious; Thou art clothed with majesty and honour; Thou deckest Thyself with light, as it were a garment.

The Lord hath awaked as one out of sleep, and like a giant refreshed with wine.

He hath burst the gates of hell, and smitten the bars of iron in sunder, because it was not possible that He should be holden of them.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

O sing unto the Lord a new song! Let the congregation of saints praise Him.

The Lord is risen from the grave. Alleluia.

Who hung for us upon the tree. Alleluia.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who keep the Feast of the Passover, may be inflamed with heavenly desires, and ever thirst after the Fountain of Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth, &c.

The Third Part of the Rosary, p. 81.

Ascensiontide.

LIFT up your heads, O ye gates, be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, that Christ the King of Glory may come in.

He cometh, ascending up on high, with the sound of the trumpet, leading captivity captive. Alleluia. Alleluia.

O Jesus, we rejoice with Thee on this the day of the gladness of Thy heart, and we most earnestly entreat Thee leave us not orphans; look upon us, Thy humble brethren, yet toiling on our way; be touched, O great High Priest, with the feeling of our infirmities; send us help in time of need, and at last grant us to rise to Thy glorious home, where Thou ever livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

Whitsuntide.

Hymns to the Holy Ghost, p. 3; the Litany of the Holy Ghost, p. 59.

Feast of the Holy Trinity.

BLESSED and glorious Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! thanks be to Thee, very and One Trinity, One and Perfect Godhead. Thee, God the Father Unbegotten; Thee, the Only-Begotten Son; Thee, the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete; the Holy and Undivided Trinity, do we confess and praise with heart and mouth; to Thee be glory for ever. Alleluia.

Eternal Father, Who didst create me,

Eternal Son, Who hast shed Thy Blood for me,

Eternal Spirit, Who dost pour Thy grace into me,

Eternal Trinity, Who art all in all to me,

I offer unto Thee the being which Thou hast given, which Thou hast redeemed, which Thou hast hallowed, and I own Thee as the God of my life and my portion for evermore. Amen.

Feasts of Our Lady.

IT is very meet, right, just, and healthful that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, and it is meet that with joyful minds we should praise, bless, and magnify Thee on this commemoration of the Blessed and Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary; who, also, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, conceived Thine only-begotten Son, and, the glory of her virginity still abiding, brought forth to this world the everlasting Light, even Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom the angels and dominions praise and worship Thy majesty, while all the powers stand in awe, the mighty ones also of the heaven of heavens, with the blessed Seraphim joined in common gladness, sing Thy praise. We beseech Thee, that with their voices Thou wouldest suffer ours also to join, upon this our solemn feast day, while with them we give thanks, and praise the Son of God.

Blessed is the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; she believed in the Lord, and there is a performance of all things which were told her; lo, she is exalted above the quires of angels; there may she pray for us to the Lord our God.

Thou art happy, O Holy Virgin Mary! and most worthy of all praise, for from Thee hath arisen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God,

Who, doing away the curse, hath given us the blessing; and, overcoming death, hath given us everlasting life.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee bestow upon Thy servants the gift of Thy heavenly grace; that like as our salvation began by the Childbearing of the Blessed Virgin, so this her commemoration may bring us an increase of peace.

O God, Who, by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, hast given unto mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may enjoy the intercession of her, by whom Thou hast deemed us worthy to receive the Author of Life.

O God, Who didst will that Thy Word should take flesh at the message of an angel in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant unto Thy humble servants who call upon Thee, that we who believe her to be in truth the Mother of God, may be evermore holpen by her prayers unto Thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Christ, our God Incarnate, Whose Virgin Mother was blessed in bearing Thee, but still more blessed in keeping Thy word; grant us, who honour the greatness of her lowliness, to follow the example of her devotion to Thy will. Who livest and reignest God for evermore. Amen.

Making mention of the all-holy, undefiled, and more than blessed Mary, Mother of God, and Ever-Virgin, with all Saints, let us commend ourselves, and each other, and all our life, to Christ our God. To Thee, O Lord, for it is fitting, be glory, honour, and worship. Amen.

example and a protector unto many; by his prayers unto Thee I also desire to be aided, that with all Thy Saints I may perfectly confess the Catholic Faith, not only in heart and mouth, but also in life and deed.

So that as those that know and do the will of their Lord, we may, as burning lamps, shed abroad our light on every side, and evermore glorify Thy Holy Name, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen. (*From the Paradise of the Christian Soul.*)

Feasts of Virgins.

Come, thou Spouse of Christ, receive the crown which the Lord hath prepared for thee from everlasting. Alleluia.

O JESUS, Son of the Virgin, King and Spouse of Virgins, I admire and venerate the glorious company of unspotted Virgins who follow Thee whithersover Thou goest: some shed their blood and endured bitter torments with more than manly courage for Thee, their Bridegroom: others for Thy dear sake left all, and went after Thee in fasting, in mortification, and in all the counsels of perfection: oh, how fair is this undefiled generation in its glory! the remembrance thereof is immortal, for it is known both to God and to men: I beseech Thee, O Thou Who feedest among these fairest lilies, to grant my defiled soul some part and lot in their unstained intercessions, so that Thou, graciously hearkening to their supplications, mayest wash me throughly from my wickedness in Thine Own Blood, and mayest make me whiter than snow, for Thine own merits' sake. Amen.

Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore.

Let their memorial be blessed, and let their bones flourish again out of their place.

Right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee, O God.

Let us pray.

O GOD, behold upon this day we call to mind Thy holy and blessed Martyr N. Grant, we pray Thee, that after his example we may esteem the sufferings of this present time as not worthy to be compared to Thine eternal joys; and let him whom we venerate upon earth remember us in his prayers to Thee, that we may receive pardon of all our sins, and be strengthened in the love of Thy name. Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

Feasts of Confessors.

Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord. Alleluia.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of Glory, and Brightness of the Saints, I give unbounded thanks unto Thee, for that Thou hast placed, as it were, so many renowned lamps and burning torches in Thy Church, so that they who dwell in Thy house, and who have need of the light of others, may be enlightened by the voices, the teachings, the virtues, the ensamples, and the writings of Thy Saints.

Amongst Thine other Saints Thou hast very highly exalted holy N. that he might be an

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable providence hast been pleased to send Thy Holy Angels to be our keepers; grant unto Thy humble servants who call upon Thee, that we may be evermore defended by their protection, and at length rejoice in their everlasting company. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church.

Forgive the sins of Thy people, O Lord, when they pray in this place; show them the right way by which they should walk, and give glory in this place.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who makest us glad by the yearly festival of the dedication of this holy house, we praise and thank Thee for all the sacraments and means of grace we have here received; forgive the little use we have made of Thy grace so freely given, and grant that for the time to come we may more faithfully serve Thee in Thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD.

AVE Maria! Blessed Maid!
Lily of Eden's fragrant shade!
Who can express the love
That nurtured thee so pure and sweet,
Making thy heart a shelter meet
For Jesus' holy Dove?

Ave Maria! Mother blest,
To whom, caressing and caressed,
Clings the Eternal Child;

Favoured beyond Archangels' dream,
When first on thee with tenderest gleam
Thy new-born Saviour smiled.

Ave Maria! thou whose name
All but adoring love may claim,
Yet may we reach thy shrine;
For He, thy Son and Saviour, vows
To crown all lowly lofty brows
With love and joy like thine. Amen.

Omnes mei sensus ei.

NOW let all my heart and senses
Seek a joyous song to find,
As the memory of the Virgin
Comes again before the mind.

None can hope a worthy anthem
To that Virgin's name to raise,
For the greatness of her glory
Far exceedeth all our praise.

Oh, how blessèd! O'er creation
Joy was spread abroad by thee;
And the heavenly kingdom's portals
Open now, by faith, we see.

Hail thou healthful Star of Ocean!
Worthy art thou of our praise,
All the other lights of heaven
Thou outshinest with thy rays.

O rejoice, thou mighty Virgin!
For from sin we were set free,
When the God and Lord of all things
Took His very Flesh of thee.

Christ thy Son will hear thy pleadings,
He will stretch His hand to save,
He will keep my soul from shipwreck,
Lest I sink beneath the wave. Amen.

TO ALL SAINTS.

Vos sancti proceres.

HOLY leaders, quires supernal, royal princes of the sky,
Now we join our earthly anthems to the songs ye raise on high.

First of all, with heavenly brightness, see the Virgin Mother glow,
Pledge that in Her Son, our Saviour, we a gracious Judge shall know.

Next the throne, our prayers presenting, wait the countless Angel bands;
And the Baptist, plunged in torrents of the light eternal, stands.

They whose voices, Christ proclaiming, over every land were poured,
Those twelve Preachers here are seated with the Prophets of the Lord.

Martyrs purpled in their life-blood, Virgins purer than the snow,
Lilies white, and ruddy roses, on the Lamb's glad pathway throw.

Fed by God Himself are Prelates, who their sheep-folds truly kept;
Here the gracious Father wipeth all the tears of them that wept.

Praise the Father, Source of all things; praise the
Son, Who earth restored;
Be the Spirit, Who inflames us with His fiery
Breath, adored. Amen.

TO ALL ANGELS.

Christe sanctorum Decus Angelorum.

CHRIST, of the Angels praise and adoration,
Ruler and Maker Thou of every nation,
Graciously grant us all to gain a station
In Heaven's high glory.

Angel all peaceful, to this temple send us
Michael, who cometh quickly to befriend us;
Prospering all things, still may he attend us
Ever and ever.

Angel most mighty, that old serpent quelling,
Hither let Gabriel fly, the foe expelling;
Oft in this temple may he make his dwelling,
Coming to guard us.

Angel, Physician, health on us bestowing,
Oh, send forth Raphael from the sky, all glowing;
Healing the sick ones, surest counsel showing
In all our actions.

Let Mary, Mother of our God, be o'er us;
All round about us be the angel chorus,
And let the heavenly army go before us,
Guiding and guarding.

Oh, may the Godhead, endless bliss possessing,
Father, Son, Spirit, grant to us this blessing!
All His creation joins his praise confessing
To endless ages. Amen.

Prayers for the Sick.

A Prayer that may be added to Daily Prayers in time of Sickness.

O MY God, my first Beginning, my last End, I receive this affliction as from Thy hand; I confess Thy right to do with me as Thou wilt; I rejoice in Thy fatherly goodness, which will never chasten me without cause; I have sinned enough to deserve every punishment Thou couldest send me, yea, punishment eternal; I offer myself therefore to endure whatsoever Thou willest, as Thou willest, as long as Thou willest.

But, O my Father, remember whereof I am made, remember that I am but dust, rebuke not in Thy wrath, chasten me not in Thy displeasure: scourge me, but as Thy son; chasten me, but as Thy child.

Remember that I am a member, erring and unworthy in truth, but still a member of Thine only-begotten Son; call to mind His holy life and conversation, His passion and death, and, for the sake of His abundant merits, leave not my poor soul, which confesses Thee, without Thy comforts, but save me for the sake of Thy mercy and of Thy dear Son. Amen.

Ejaculatory Prayers proper for a Sick Person.

LORD, I accept this sickness from Thy hands, and entirely resign myself to Thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death.

Not my will, but Thine be done; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord, I submit to all the pains and uneasiness

of this my illness; my sins have deserved infinitely more.

Lord, I offer up to Thee all that I now suffer, or may have yet to suffer, to be united to the Sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by His Passion.

I worship Thee, O my God and my All, as my first Beginning and last End; and I desire to bow down all the powers of my soul to Thee.

Lord, I desire to praise thee for ever, in sickness as well as in health; I desire to join my heart and voice with the whole Church of heaven and earth in blessing Thee for ever.

I give Thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all Thy mercies and bessings bestowed upon me and Thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ Thy Son.

I thank Thee above all for having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with His precious Blood. Let not that Blood be shed for me in vain.

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which Thou hast revealed, and which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.

O my God, all my hope is in Thee; and through the passion and death of Jesus Christ, my Redeemer, I hope for salvation from Thee. In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into Thine arms, in this day of my distress: hide me in Thy wounds, bathe my soul in Thy precious Blood.

I love Thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul above all things; at least I desire so to love Thee. Oh, come now, and take full possession of my whole soul, and teach me to love Thee for ever.

I desire to depart and to be with Christ.

When will Thy kingdom come, O Lord? When wilt Thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbour with perfect charity for the love of Thee.

I forgive, from my heart, all who have in any way offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have in any way offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Who will give water to my head and a fountain of tears to mine eyes, that night and day I may weep for all my sins?

Oh, that I had never offended so good a God! Oh, that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have always preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner: sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I commend my soul to God, my Creator, Who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ, my Saviour, Who redeemed me with His precious Blood; to the Holy Ghost, Who sanctified me in baptism. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and I abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Oh, suffer not, O Lord, this mortal enemy of my soul to have any power over me, either now or at my last hour.

Let Thy holy Angels defend me from all the powers of darkness, and let Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, sinners, now and at the hour of death. Let all the blessed Angels and Saints of God pray for me, a poor sinner.

A Prayer before Holy Anointing.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, according to the word of Thine Apostle, I have sent for the Presbyter of the Church, that he may anoint me with oil in Thy Name; let the prayer of faith save me, O Lord, and, if it be Thy holy will, raise me up sound and whole from this bed of sickness, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt; but if not, Thy will be done. I have committed sins, many and deadly, let them all be forgiven me; and pour into the wounds of my soul the inward unction of Thy Holy Spirit; for the sake of Thy most meritorious Cross and Passion. Amen.

A Prayer after the Anointing.

HOW great is Thy goodness, O Lord, Who hast provided Thy children with so many means of grace in Thy Church! I bless Thy holy Name for the sacred unction which has now hallowed my body; let the consolation thereof be poured over my wounded weary soul, send me such bodily restoration as shall seem good unto Thee, and let me be set free from all the effects of my sins; for the merits' sake of Thine own Blood and Passion. Amen.

APPROACH OF DEATH.

JESUS! ever loving Saviour,
Thou didst live and die for me;
Living, I will live to love Thee,
Dying, I will die for Thee.
Jesus! Jesus!
By Thy life and death of sorrow,
Help me in my agony.

When the last dread hour approaching,
  Fills my guilty soul with fear,
All my sins rise up before me,
  All my virtues disappear.
    Jesus! Jesus!
Turn not Thou in anger from me;
  With Thine Angels then be near.

Jesus! by the shame and sorrow
  Of the Cross of Calvary,
By Thy spotless Mother's anguish,
  By Thy last dread agony,
    Jesus! Jesus!
By those three long hours of sorrow
  Thou didst purchase hope for me.

When the priest with holy unction
  Prays for mercy and for grace,
May the tears of deep compunction
  All my guilty stains efface.
    Jesus! Jesus!
Let me find in Thee a refuge,
  In Thy Heart a resting-place.

Oh, by all that Thou didst suffer,
  Grant me mercy in that day!
Let Thy Blood and let Thy Body
  Be, at that last hour, my stay.
    Jesus! Jesus!
For my soul let Saints, and Angels,
  And Thy glorious Mother, pray. Amen.

The Order for the Unction of the Sick.

(*From the Book of Common Prayer*, 1549.)

If the sick person desire to be anointed, then shall the Priest anoint him upon the forehead or breast only, making the Sign of the Cross, saying thus :—

AS with this visible oil thy body outwardly is anointed, so our heavenly Father, Almighty God, grant of His infinite goodness that thy soul inwardly may be anointed with the Holy Ghost, Who is the Spirit of all strength, comfort, relief, and gladness; and vouchsafe for His great mercy (if it be His blessed will) to restore unto thee thy bodily health, and strength to serve Him; and send thee release of all thy pains, troubles, and diseases, both in body and mind. And howsoever His goodness, by His divine and unsearchable providence, shall dispose of thee, we, His unworthy Ministers and Servants, humbly beseech the Eternal Majesty to do with thee according to the multitude of His innumerable mercies, and to pardon thee all thy sins and offences committed by all thy bodily senses, passions, and carnal affections; Who also vouchsafe mercifully to grant unto thee ghostly strength, by His Holy Spirit, to withstand and overcome all temptations and assaults of thine adversary, that in no wise he prevail against thee, but that thou mayest have perfect victory and triumph against the devil, sin, and death, through Christ our Lord, Who by His death hath overcome the prince of death, and with the Father and the Holy Ghost evermore

liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

Psalm xiii.—*Usque quo, Domine?*

HOW long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

But my trust is in Thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in Thy salvation.

I will sing of the Lord, because He hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE LAST FAREWELL.

COME, my soul, and let us dwell
On each lingering last farewell,
Which, at no far distant day,
Thou perforce wilt have to pay,
To whatever here below
Shall have made thy joy or woe.

"Fare ye well," I hear thee sigh,—
"Fare ye well, O earth and sky!

Morning's golden-tissued ray;
Changing hours of night and day!
Wood and valley, sea and shore,
I may see your face no more!

Fare ye well, affections vain,
Full of pleasure, full of pain!
Home and friends and kindred dear,
All that was my comfort here!
These poor eyes are closing fast
Now I look on you my last."

Dimmer, dimmer grows the light,
Now 'tis thick descending night;
Oh, when next again I see,
What a sight awaiteth me,—
Speechless standing, all alone,
Right before the Judgment Throne! Amen.

Prayers for the Dying.

When a soul is just departing, if no Priest is there, let one of those present say these prayers:—

LORD, have mercy upon *him* (or *her*).
Christ, have mercy upon *him*.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.
Be merciful.
From Thy wrath,
From the perils of death,
From a bad death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the Devil,
By Thy Nativity,

Good Lord, deliver him (or her).

By Thy Cross and Passion,
By Thy Death and Burial,
By Thy glorious Resurrection,
By Thy wonderful Ascension,
By the Grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
In the Day of Judgment,
We, sinners, beseech Thee to hear us,
That Thou wouldest spare *him*,
We beseech Thee to hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.
Christ, have mercy upon *him*.
Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Good Lord, deliver him (or her).

Go forth, Christian soul, from this world, in the Name of God, the Father Almighty, Who created thee; in the Name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who suffered for thee; in the Name of the Holy Ghost, Who was poured out upon thee; in the name of the Angels and Archangels, and of all the host of heaven; in the name of the Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Evangelists, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, and of all the Saints of God; let thine habitation to-day be in peace, and thine abode in holy Sion. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

I commend thee to Almighty God, dearly beloved *brother*, and commit thee to Him Whose creature thou art, that when thou shalt have paid the debt of human nature by passing through death, thou mayest return unto thy Maker Who formed thee from the dust of the earth.

Therefore, when thy soul shall have gone forth from thy body, let the glorious bands of Angels hasten towards thee; the council of the Apostles meet thee; the noble army of Martyrs greet thee;

the company of Confessors surround thee; the joyous choirs of Virgins receive thee; so mayest thou gain a peaceful rest upon the bosom of the Patriarchs.

Let the face of Christ Jesus appear gentle and joyful unto thee; may He place thee for evermore among those who stand in His presence.

Mayest thou never know aught of the terror in darkness, the gnashing of teeth in the fire, the agonies among the torments. Let foulest Satan and his evil ones give place before thee, and tremble at thy coming in company of the Angels.

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him; like as smoke vanisheth, so shalt Thou drive them away.

Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from torment.

Christ, Who vouchsafed to die for thee, deliver thee from death everlasting.

Christ, the Son of the Living God, lead thee into the green pastures of His paradise; He, the True Shepherd, acknowledge thee as His sheep.

He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at his right hand for evermore in the company of His elect; for His mercy's sake. Amen.

O Lord, receive Thy servant into the place of salvation, which *he* hopeth for from Thy mercy. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from all peril of hell, from the snares of its torments, and from every tribulation. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, as Thou hast at divers times and in divers manners delivered Thy saints and servants from grief, pain, and perplexity; be pleased in like manner to

deliver *his* soul, and let it rejoice in Thy heavenly treasures. Amen.

We commend unto Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant N., and we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, by that love whereby Thou didst come down to earth, that Thou wouldest not deny unto *him* a place in the Patriarchs' bosom.

Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, made, not by strange gods, but by Thee, the only Living and True God.

Make glad, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant in Thy presence; remember not *his* old sins.

Though *he* hath sinned, *he* hath not denied the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, but hath believed, hath had a zeal for God, and God, Who made all things, hath *he* faithfully worshipped.

Remember not, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of *his* youth, nor *his* ignorances; but after Thy great goodness be mindful of *him* in the glory of Thy brightness.

Let the heavens be opened unto *him*, let the Angels rejoice with *him*, and receive Thy servant, O Lord, into Thy kingdom.

Let Michael and all the Angels of God receive *him*, and lead *him* into the holy city Jerusalem.

Let all the holy Apostles make supplication for *him*, with all the saints and elect of God, and so may *he* come to the heavenly kingdom by the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

If the soul still linger, use the Litany of the Holy Name, p. 56; *of the Passion*, p. 71; *any of the*

Prayers on the Passion, pp. 85 *to* 87 ; *or parts of Psalms* 118, 119.

When the soul is just departing, say several times the adorable Name, JESUS.

As soon as it is departed, say :—

The Saints of God come to thine aid, the Angels of the Lord hasten thither to receive thy soul, and present it before the Most High. Christ, Who called thee, receive thee, and let the Angels bear thee into Abraham's bosom.

Grant to *him*, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon *him*.

Then some of the Prayers for the Departed, p. 88.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE !

BROTHER,* now thy toils are o'er,
Fought the battle, won the crown,
On life's rough and barren shore
Thou hast laid thy burden down.
Grant *him*, Lord, eternal rest
With the spirits of the blest.

Through death's valley, dim and dark,
Jesus guide thee in the gloom,
Show thee where His footprints mark
Tracks of glory through the tomb.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

Angels bear thee to the land
Where the towers of Sion rise,
Safely lead thee by the hand
To the fields of Paradise.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

* *Or* Sister.

Rest in peace ! the gates of hell
Touch thee not, till He shall come
For the souls He loves so well,
Dear Lord of the Heavenly Home.
Grant *him*, Lord, &c.

Christ the Sower sows thee here ;
When th' eternal day shall dawn
He will gather in the ear
On that resurrection morn.
Grant *him*, Lord, eternal rest
With the spirits of the blest. Amen.

Bona Mors :

Or Prayers for a Happy Death, through the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD, have mercy upon us : *Christ, have mercy upon us :* Lord, have mercy upon us.
Be favourable unto us : *Spare us, good Lord.*
From an unprovided death,
From the pains of hell,
From the power of the devil,
By Thine Incarnation,
By Thy Passion and Death,
By Thy Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost,
By the intercessions of Thy Saints,
In the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. Cast me not away in the time of age.
℟. Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

℣. Lighten mine eyes, O Lord.
℟. That I sleep not in death.

℣. Let me die the death of the righteous.
℟. Let my last end be like his.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD of mercy, strengthen us Thy servants with Thy heavenly grace, that at the hour of our death the enemy may not prevail against us, and that we may be counted worthy to be carried by the Angels into everlasting life.

Almighty and most tender God, Who broughtest a fountain of living water out of the rock for Thy thirsting people, bring forth from the hardness of our hearts the tears of true repentance, that we may worthily bewail our sins, and be deemed meet, by Thy mercy, to receive remission of all our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here make an Act of Contrition. For a form, see p. 6, 10, 13, *or* 37.

O LORD JESUS, God of goodness, and Father of mercies, I draw near unto Thee with a broken and contrite heart; and I commend unto Thee the last hour of my life, and the decision of my everlasting doom.

When mine eyes, beginning to grow dim, shall

warn me that my end is near, and shall fix themselves on Thee, my last and only Support; by Thine Agony in the Garden, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the pallor of my face, and when the sweat of death breaking forth, shall forebode my approaching end; by Thy sweat of Blood, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my ears, soon to be for ever shut to the speech of men, shall be opened to hear Thine irrevocable decree; by Thine unjust condemnation, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my imagination shall be disturbed, and when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my sins and of Thy judgments, shall have to struggle with the angel of darkness; by Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my poor heart, exhausted by its frequent struggles, shall feel the pangs of death; by the bearing of Thy Cross, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as an act of contrition for the sins of my whole life, and in that dreadful moment; by Thy Crucifixion, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When the last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embrace of the body, let it fly unto Thee on the wings of impatience and desire, and then at that moment; by Thy thirst on the Cross, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid farewell to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as an act of homage which I willingly pay to Thy Sovereign

Majesty; and by Thine own most holy Death, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

When at length my soul, admitted to Thy presence, shall first behold Thine awful Majesty and Beauty, reject me not, but receive me into Thy bosom, where I may for ever sing Thy praises; and in that moment, when eternity shall begin for me, *Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.*

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let Thy mercy be implored in our behalf, both now and at the hour of our death, by the Blessed Virgin Mary Thy Mother, whose soul, in the hour of Thy Passion, was pierced with the sword of sorrow.

O God, Who for the redemption of the world wast pleased to be born, circumcised, rejected by the Jews, betrayed by the kiss of Judas the traitor, bound with cords, led as an innocent lamb to the slaughter, shamefully brought before Annas, Caiaphas, and Herod, accused by false witnesses, mocked with scourgings and reproaches, defiled with spittings, crowned with thorns, buffeted with blows, smitten with a reed, blindfolded, stripped of raiment, nailed to the Cross, lifted up on the Cross, reckoned among thieves, given gall and vinegar to drink, and to be wounded by a spear: do Thou, O Lord, by these Thy most holy sufferings, which I, although unworthy, call to mind, and by Thy holy Cross and Death, deliver me, Thy servant, from the pains of hell, and be pleased to lead me whither Thou didst lead the thief crucified with Thee: Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

CONTEMPLATION OF DEATH.

NOW let me close mine eyes,
And strive to picture to myself the day
When, stretched in my last dying agonies,
I here no more may stay.

Ah! when will be the time
For thee, my soul, to wing thy solemn flight?
Shall it be winter's snow, or summer's prime?
Shall it be day or night?

And shall it be my lot
Prepared by Sacraments of grace to die?
Or shall I perish in some lonely spot,
No Priest of Jesus nigh?

And will my death come slow,
Or sudden as the lightning's vivid blast?
Ah me! I cannot say: but this I know,
That come it must at last.

Oh, then, since thus I live,
Certain of death, uncertain of the day,
This grace to me, Immortal Saviour, give,
In Thy dear love I pray,—

That, whatsoe'er befall
Of good or ill, I evermore may be
Ready, whenever sounds Thy solemn call,
At once to answer Thee! Amen.

The Order for Prime.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe.

℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be. As it was. Alleluia.

From Septuagesima until Easter, instead of "Alleluia,"—

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, King of everlasting glory.

HYMN. *Jam lucis orto sidere.*

NOW that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do and say
Would keep us free from harm to-day :

Would guard our hearts and tongues from strife :
From anger's din would hide our life :
From all ill sights would turn our eyes :
Would close our ears from vanities :

Would keep our inmost conscience pure :
Our souls from folly would secure :
Would bid us check the pride of sense
With due and holy abstinence.

So we, when this new day is gone,
And night in turn is drawing on,
With conscience by the world unstained,
Shall praise His Name for victory gained.

All laud to God the Father be ;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee ;
All praise for ever, as is meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

ANTIPHONS.

Sunday,—Alleluia.
Weekdays,—Blessed are they that walk.

PSALMS.

Sunday,	Psalm	118.	Glory.	
Monday,	,,	24.	,,	
Tuesday,	,,	25.	,,	
Wednesday,	,,	26.	,,	
Thursday,	,,	23.	,,	
Friday,	,,	22.	,,	
Saturday,	,,	54.	,,	
Daily,	,,	119, v. 1 to 16.		Glory.
,,	,,	119, v. 17 to 32.		,,

ANTIPHONS.

Sunday,—Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Weekdays,—Blessed are those that walk in Thy law, O Lord.

LITTLE CHAPTER. i. Tim. 1.

UNTO the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

℟. Thanks be to God.

Short Respond.

O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

℣. Thou That sittest at the right hand of the Father,

℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
℟. O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

℣. O Christ, arise, help us.
℟. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil.

I believe in God.
℣. The resurrection of the body.
℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. I have cried unto Thee, O Lord.
℟. And early let my prayer come unto Thee.

℣. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise.
℟. That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

℣. Lord, turn Thy face from my sins.
℟. And put out all my misdeeds.

℣. Make me a clean heart, O God.
℟. And renew a right Spirit within me.

℣. Cast me not away from Thy presence.
℟. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

℣. O give me the comfort of Thy help again.
℟. And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

I confess to Almighty God, &c.
God Almighty, &c.
The Almighty and merciful, &c., p. 2.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this day
℟. To keep us without sin.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my crying come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. Bless we the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life; and may the souls of the faithful, by the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Order for Compline.

PRAY, sir, a blessing.

Benediction.

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.

SHORT LESSON. 1 St. Peter, v. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist steadfast in the faith. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Our Father (*said by all in silence*).
I confess to Almighty God, &c.
Almighty God have mercy, &c.
The Almighty and merciful, &c., p. 2.

℣. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.
℟. And let Thine anger cease from us.

℣. O God, make speed, &c.
℟. O Lord, make haste, &c.

Glory be to the Father. As it was. Alleluia.
Or, Praise be to Thee.

ANTIPHONS.

Throughout the year,—Have mercy.
In Eastertide,—Alleluia.

PSALMS.

Psalm 4. Glory.
,, 31 (to v. 6). Glory.
,, 91. Glory.
,, 134. ,,

ANTIPHONS.

Throughout the year,—Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and hearken unto my prayer.
In Eastertide,—Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HYMN. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That, with Thy wonted favour, Thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our eyes,
From nightly fears and phantasies;
Tread under foot our ghostly foe,
That no pollution we may know.

O Father, that we ask be done,
Through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Shall live and reign eternally. Amen.

LITTLE CHAPTER. Jer. xiv. 9.

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name: leave us not, O Lord our God.
℟. Thanks be to God.

Short Respond.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

℣. For Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

℟. I commend my spirit.

℣. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

℟. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

℣. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.

℟. Hide us under the shadow of thy wings.

ANTIPHON.

Save us.

THE SONG OF SIMEON.

Nunc dimittis.

ANTIPHON.

Save us, O Lord, waking, and keep us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation.

℟. But deliver us from evil.

I believe.

℣. The resurrection of the body.

℟. And the life everlasting. Amen.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our fathers.

℟. And greatly to be praised, and glorious for ever.

℣. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

℟. Let us praise and exalt Him for ever.

℣. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.
℟. And greatly to be praised, and glorious, and highly exalted for ever.

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord bless us and keep us.
℟. Amen.

℣. Vouchsafe, O Lord, this night
℟. To keep us without sin.

℣. Have mercy upon us, O Lord.
℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.
℟. As we have put our trust in Thee.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this habitation, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Thy holy Angels dwell herein, to keep us in peace; and let Thy blessing be upon us for ever, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

℣. Bless we the Lord.
℟. Thanks be to God.

℣. The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless us and keep us. *Amen.*

The Angelus.

N.B.—It is a common custom among Catholics to recite the following prayers thrice a day (viz., at 6 a.m., Noon, and 6 p.m.) in honour of the Mystery of the Holy Incarnation.

THE Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary.

Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary.

And the Word was made Flesh, and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary.

Let us pray.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts, &c., p. 9.

An Additional Prayer before Holy Communion.

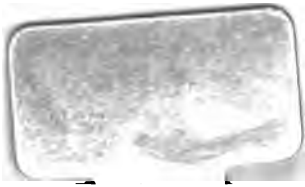
O GRACIOUS Lord Jesus, I a sinner fear and tremble as I draw near to the Table of Thy sweetest Banquet, trusting not in my own merits, but in thy loving-kindness and goodness. For my heart and body are stained with many sins, my mind and tongue have not been well guarded. Therefore, O gracious God! O awful Majesty! I, wretched that I am, taken in a great strait, run unto Thee, the Fount of mercy; I hasten to Thee to be healed; I fly beneath Thy protection; and Thee, Whom as Judge I could not

bear, I long to have for Saviour. Unto Thee, O Lord, I show my wounds; to Thee I reveal my shame. I know my many and great sins, and I dread them. I trust in Thy mercies, which are numberless.

Look therefore upon me with the eyes of mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, everlasting King, God and Man, crucified for man. Graciously hear me, trusting in Thee; take pity upon me, full of misery and sin, O Thou Who never ceasest to pour forth streams of mercy.

Hail, saving Victim, offered for me and for all mankind on the Tree of the Cross!

Hail, generous and precious Blood flowing from the Wounds of my crucified Lord, Jesus Christ, and washing away the sins of the whole world!

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy creature whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Blood. It repenteth me that I have sinned, I desire to make amends for what I have done. Take, therefore, away from me, most merciful Father, all my sins and offences, that, made clean in mind and body, I may meetly taste of the Holy of Holies; and grant that this holy foretaste of Thy Body and Blood, which I, although so unworthy, do purpose to receive, may be the remission of my sins, the thorough cleansing of transgressions, the putting to flight of evil thoughts, the renewing of good feelings, the healthful working of deeds that please Thee, and the surest defence of body and soul against all the wiles of mine enemies. Amen.

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